

Exhibit P7
Individuals

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I68****Jodi Loveless****Subject:** Duchesne, UT power lines

On Mon, Feb 24, 2014 at 5:30 PM, Jodi Loveless <jodijex@gmail.com> wrote:
To whom it may concern:

I68a

I'm writing to discuss my outrage of Pacific corp and/or Rocky Mountain proposing to place power lines through Argyle Canyon in Utah. My family owns this property and if power lines "need" to be placed in order for public consumption then they "need" to be placed on public property. These power lines are not even for the consumption of Utah citizens. The states that so need this power can find another outlet.

I68b

I have a great concern about the emissions these lines will give off and the danger it will be to the individuals that live and recreate on these lands and especially my son. The liability would be on your company for any harm to my child.

I68c

I am aware there are other proposals that would not effect Argyle Canyon. I'm suggesting that you please use that alternative.

I68d

Any damage done to our property on behalf of your company, I will hold you financially responsible as well as the depreciation of value.

Sincerely,
Jodi Loveless
6649 S Wakefield Way
West Jordan, UT 84081
385.299.9817

I68a

Comment noted. A description of the Applicant's interests and objectives is included in Section 1.4 and Appendix A of the EIS. PacifiCorp's service area in the Project area includes Wyoming and Utah.

Social and economic conditions relevant to the Proposed Action are discussed in Section 3.2.22.

I68b

The Applicant is aware of concerns regarding possible health risks from EMF; however, no adverse health effects of EMF are conclusively or consistently identified by scientists. As identified in design features of the Proposed Action (Table 2-8, Design Feature 11), the Applicant would continue to follow studies performed on EMF research. The Applicant relies on the findings and conclusions of public health specialists and international scientific organizations, such as the WHO and the ICNIRP, for guidance and guidelines regarding EMF. EMF is discussed in greater detail in Section 3.2.23.

I68c

Comment and route preference noted.

I68d

As described in the Impacts to Property Values section of Section 3.2.22, property values can be affected by transmission lines, depending on the proximity of the transmission line to structures, the surrounding topography, and the existence of landscaping and other vegetation. Additional description has been added to Section 3.2.22 indicating the Applicant would pay market value to nonfederal landowners, as established through the appraisal process, for any new land rights or easements required for this Project. The appraisal process takes all factors affecting value into consideration, including the impact of transmission lines on property value. Therefore, private property owners would be compensated for any losses in property values based on market values assessed through the appraisal process.

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Trevor and Jodi Loveless

From: **Jodi Loveless** <jodijex@gmail.com>
 Date: Thu, May 15, 2014 at 10:12 AM
 Subject: Argyle Canyon
 To: "utsomail@blm.gov" <utsomail@blm.gov>

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to express my outrage in the proposed plan to place power lines through our PERSONAL and PRIVATE in Argyle Canyon. I am aware that there are other options for it to go through public lands and not have to impede on our right to own our property and do with it what we choose. Not to mention the effects that it will have on the environment and the habitat of the area. I ask that you please reconsider placing it through the private property of Argyle Canyon.

Sincerely,
 Trevor and Jodi Loveless
 385-229-9817

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Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

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Don Lyons

Response(s)



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Name: DONN LYONS Date: 5/3/14

Title: _____ Organization that you represent: _____ Self ☒

Mailing address: 12000 E 30050 N City: FAIRVIEW State: UT Zip: 84629

Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE PROTECTS.

PLEASE USE BLM SUGGESTED ROUTE!

THANK YOU.

Don Lyons.

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170a ☐ Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I71****Jeremy Madsen**

Jeremy Madsen <jmadsen@dynamic.pro>
to TransWest_WYMa., GatewaySouth_W.

To Whom It May Concern:

I71a

My family has lived in Fairview for many, many years, and we became very concerned when we heard about the Rocky Mountain Gateway South Project, and saw on the map that many acres of our prime farm land will fall within the 2 mile corridor of the power lines. This will, in effect, cause serious damage to my families livelihood, as that land will no longer be able to be farmed. Furthermore, it will permanently decrease any other value it has and would have continued to have in the future. This will also negatively impact the livelihoods of many other

I71b

families in Fairview of which I am personally acquainted. Please, please, please consider choosing the BLM's alternate route which would impact far fewer people and towns.

Sincerely, Jeremy Madsen

Fairview, Utah

I71a

To reduce potential impacts on agricultural irrigation systems, design features of the Proposed Action for environmental protection and selective mitigation measures have been identified for the Project. The design features include Design Features 20, 22, 23, 26, and 27. The selective mitigation measures include Selective Mitigation Measures 1 and 11. Information discussing these design features and selective mitigation measures can be found in Chapter 2 and Section 3.2.11.4.2.

In general, these design features and selective mitigation measures are designed to align the right-of-way on agricultural land insofar as is practicable to reduce the impact on farm operations and agricultural production.

I71b

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

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Terry Madsen

From: Terry Madsen <blakem@cut.net>
 Date: Wed, Apr 30, 2014 at 3:29 PM
 Subject: Rocky Mountain Gateway South Project
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

To Whom It May Concern:

My husband has lived and worked all his life (65 years) on our farm North of Fairview, Utah. We recently heard about the Rocky Mountain Gateway South Project, and saw on the map that many acres of our prime irrigated fields which provide hay for our cattle, will fall within the 2 mile corridor which we understand will be sprayed to kill all growth due to fire hazard. This major loss of income and major INCOME of ugly towers, possible cell phone reception problems near the towers (we rely on our cell phones to communicate during hay season and for emergencies with calving), and numerous other environmental and economic problems, causes us to urge you to choose the BLM's alternate route which would impact far fewer people and towns.

Sincerely, Terry E. Madsen
 Fairview, Utah

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Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****173****John B. Magnuson**

Energy Gateway South Transmission Project
Draft EIS and Land-Use Plan Amendments

Comment Form

Attn: Tamara Gertsch
Bureau of Land Management
BLM Wyoming State Office
P.O. Box 21150
Cheyenne, WY 82003
GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

Name: John B. Magnuson Date: 03/18/2014
Title: Landowner Organization that you represent: Myself and my family
Mailing Address: 7 So. 2nd Ave City: Helper State: Utah Zip: 84526
Telephone: 435-472-3226

Comments:

In reviewing the various routes and in talking to representatives from the BLM and Rocky Mountain Power it seems to me everything has been taken into consideration except common sense and the wishes and feelings of the landowners along the various routes in the Argyle Canyon area. As evidence of this I point to routes U432, U434, U513, U520 and U512. If the goal was to impact as many private landowners as possible these would be routes of choice. The landowners in this area have spent many, many years and in some cases generations, along with uncountable dollars, to carve a place out of wilderness for their families to enjoy.

On the other hand we have routes like U411 and U406 that would minimally impact private landowners and their families but seem barely in the equation because of the impact to sage grouse. I don't believe the sage grouse is an endangered species and I don't believe the impact to sage grouse habitat would be any greater along these routes than along routes U432, U434, U513, U520 and U512. I believe if studies were done on the sage grouse along these routes we would find more sage grouse habitat being impacted than by routes U411 and U406. I base this on the fact that the routes U432, U434, U513, U520 and U512 are on private property and as such are not studied to reflect what habitat and species will be impacted by the construction of this power line.

Based on my personal observations and the observations of many other landowners the impact on the sage grouse along routes U432, U434, U513, U520 and U512 would be as great or greater than along U411 and U406 because the population along these routes is significant. I implore the BLM and Rocky Mountain Power to use some of their God given common sense and choose a route that will be friendly to the sage grouse as well as the landowners in the area. This route could not include U432, U434, U513, U520 and U512.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

173a ☐ Comment and route preference noted.

173b ☐ Comment and route preference noted. Data used in the analysis of potential effects on sage-grouse is described in Section 3.2.8.4 The locations of greater sage-grouse populations in Utah are shown on Map 3-5.

Comment(s)

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Jack McAllister – Letter Dated April 2, 2014

Response(s)

Director Juan Palma:

ELM-UT-899
2014 APR -9 PM 1:07

Re: our comments on the Proposed Energy Gateway South and the proposed Transwest Express Power lines as they would run through the Narrows project and then down through Fairview Canyon. Please do carefully consider the serious problems such a route will cause.

We respectfully support the Agency (BLM) preferred route west along Hwy 46 and south along Hwy 489.

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	EEO		
	NAT RES		
	LND MIN		
	SUP SVC		

Joel McAllister
Mt. Pleasant, Utah

174a ☐ Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

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Jack McAllister – Letter Dated April 2, 2014 (cont.)

TRANSWEST EXPRESS TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT
COMMENT FORM

Mail to the following address:

Attn: Sharon Knowlton
Bureau of Land Management
BLM Wyoming State Office
P.O. Box 21150
Cheyenne, WY 82003

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Jack McAllister
138W 400 N
Mt Pleasant UT 84647
(435) 462-2625

COMMENTS: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

We are sending copy of the Energy Gateway South project because these comments are equally applicable to the Transwest Express line. There was no open house at Mount Pleasant or Fairview so there was not sufficient opportunity for North Sanpete citizens who are most affected by the power lines to comment on the Transwest Express project.

We hope you will give every consideration to these comments as they are directly applicable to the Transwest Express project in Fairview Canyon.

Jack McAllister

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174b ☐ Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

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Jack McAllister – Letter Dated April 2, 2014 (cont.)



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Name: Jack McAllister Date: 4-2-2014
Title: President Organization that you represent: Fairview Land & Livestock Co ☐ Self ☐
Mailing address: 138W HOON City: MT. Pleasant State: UT Zip: 84647
Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed) See backside for additional comment
the Agency route through Salt Creek Canyon
has much less impact on property owners,
residences, livestock operations. The cooperating
agencies have carefully considered this
route to have less impact upon National forest
lands and biological resources.

The Applicant preferred Route: from
Helper, Carbon County, westerly across the
Wasatch Plateau, across the part of the
Gooseberry Narrows project, down Fairview
Canyon, across US 89 North of Fairview
and westerly to Salt Creek Canyon, and Nephi.

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See Reverse

174c ☐ Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

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Jack McAllister – Letter Dated April 2, 2014 (cont.)

174d

The Narrows Project is considered a past or present project in the cumulative effects analysis in the Final EIS (rather than a reasonably foreseeable future action). This project is discussed in the Authorized Projects portion of Section 3.2.11, and the Narrows Project recreation area is discussed in Section 3.2.12.

174e

Regarding private lands, the impact on property rights will be carefully considered by the Applicant during micro-siting. The Applicant will negotiate with the owners of real property interests to ensure that, if any private property interests are impaired by the final location, they are appropriately compensated. The project will be built in compliance with NESC, the Applicant's standards, and industry best practices with regards to line clearances to vegetation and other structures.

174f

Comment and route preference noted. It is possible that construction of the Project could increase susceptibility to geological hazards in some areas (e.g., in areas with slumps and flows). Thus, avoidance of geologic hazards and engineering constraints criteria were applied in the Applicant's identification of feasible corridors for the siting and construction of transmission lines as part of the design features of the Proposed Action. Potential impacts on the Project resulting from geological hazards are discussed in detail in Section 3.2.2.5. In the analysis, the area around Fairview Canyon was assessed in the EIS as having high susceptibility for landslides.

174g

Selective Mitigation Measure 5 (minimize new or improved accessibility, Chapter 2, Table 2-13) is applied in areas that have been identified as sensitive to unintended use (ATV), which would be carried forward into the POD. The Applicant is committed to work with agencies and landowners, through development of the POD and during implementation and operation of the transmission line. Coordination to limit potential for unauthorized use would occur throughout the life of the Project.

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See next page for response to 174h.

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See next page for response to 174i.

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See next page for response to 174j.

174k

Comment and route preference noted.

Comments Continued:
Energy Gateway South Transmission Project

174d

the applicant's route crosses a portion of the Gooseberry Narrows project with its adjacent recreation

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area. then it crosses our family's property and 3 of our ranch

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properties. the terrain in Fairview Canyon is rugged, steep and not

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feasible for a power line. there would be expensive road work to build and maintain the powerline. such roadways attract OHV riders which are impossible to control.

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additionally this large power line would totally spoil the beauty of Fairview Canyon and blight the private property it crosses. Further

174i

the power line would be detrimental to livestock production on our

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ranch and others. the power line would devalue all property it passes through or by.

174k

for these reasons, among others, we respectfully support and request the BLM, as lead Agency, to approve the agency's preferred Route

Jack McAllister

Comment(s)**Response(s) - continued****174****Jack McAllister – Letter Dated April 2, 2014 (cont.)**

174h

Due to the largely intact landscape character, steep slopes, and dense vegetation in this area along with foreground views from residences and recreation areas, high impacts were assigned along most of this alternative route on the Wasatch Plateau. All feasible selective mitigation measures were applied to reduce these impacts to the extent practicable. Based on high impacts and other resource effects this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

As described in the Impacts to Property Values section of Section 3.2.22, property values can certainly be affected by transmission lines, depending on the proximity of the transmission line to structures, the surrounding topography, and the existence of landscaping and other vegetation. There are 10 residences north of Fairview, Utah, located within 0.25 mile of the alternatives routes and route variations likely to be affected by the proximity of the transmission line. These alternative routes and route variations were not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

174i

To reduce potential impacts on livestock production, design features of the Proposed Action for environmental protection and selective mitigation measures have been identified for the Project. The design features include Design Features 20, 22, 23, 26, and 27. The selective mitigation measures include Selective Mitigation 1 and 11. Information discussing these design features and selective mitigation measures can be found in Chapter 2 and Section 3.2.11.4.2.

In general, these design features and selective mitigation measures are designed to align the right-of-way on agricultural land insofar as is practicable to reduce the impact on farm operations, agricultural production, and livestock production.

174j

As described in the Impacts to Property Values section of Section 3.2.22, property values can be affected by transmission lines, depending on the proximity of the transmission line to structures, the surrounding topography, and the existence of landscaping and other vegetation. Additional description has been added to Section 3.2.22 indicating the Applicant would pay market value to nonfederal landowners, as established through the appraisal process, for any new land rights or easements required for this Project. The appraisal process takes all factors affecting value into consideration, including the impact of transmission lines on property value. Therefore, private property owners would be compensated for any losses in property values based on market values assessed through the appraisal process.

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Jack McAllister – Letter Dated April 7, 2014



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 Mailing address: 138 W 400 N City: Mt. Pleasant State: Ut Zip: 84647
 Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

dated 4-2-2014
Supplemental Comments to prior Comments
Pursuant to 28 US Code sec 162 and
Utah Code 72-4-303, Highway 31 in Fairview
Canyon, Sanpete County, Utah, is designated
a National Scenic Byway. A National
Scenic Byway deserves protection because of
outstanding scenic, natural, historic and
cultural qualities. The protection extends
to the Highway and to adjacent areas.
If either the Gateway South or Transwest
Express Transmission lines is approved for
Fairview Canyon, certainly the intent, letter, and
spirit of the National Scenic Byway Law
will be seriously violated.

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Due to the sensitivity of views from this and other scenic byways, all of these roads were included in the assessment of high concern viewers along with all residences. In regard to the views from the Energy Loop Scenic Byway both in Fairview Canyon and atop the Wasatch Plateau, which are largely intact with few visible modifications, the Project would result in a high level of visual impacts. Based upon these impacts, and other resource effects, this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

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Jack McAllister – Letter Dated April 7, 2014 (cont.)

175b

In a 1984 Supreme Court opinion regarding cellphone towers, Justice Stevens wrote: "the character of the environment affects the quality of life and the value of property in both residential and commercial areas."

175b

Comment and route preference noted. The potential visual effects are discussed in Section 3.2.18.5.4. Potential impacts on property values are discussed in Section 3.2.22.5.2.

175c

If a cellphone tower affects quality of life, the huge transmission line and towers certainly will destroy the outstanding beauty and other qualities of fairview Canyon. The fairview Canyon route is ill conceived from a construction point of view. Additionally there will be scarring, erosion and vehicle abuse among other serious problems affecting the canyon.

175c

Comment and route preference noted.

We support and encourage the lead agency (BLM) to select the preferred route for the important reason that the BLM route respects and preserves the choice of local citizens, authorities and the state legislature to designate State Highway 31 and adjacent areas as a National Scenic Byway, with its protection of the important qualities found in fairview Canyon.

Jack McAllister
Mt. Pleasant UT

Comment(s)

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James McQueen

Response(s)



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Name: James McQueen Date: April 21, 2014
 Title: land owner Organization that you represent: FAIRVIEW CITY RESIDENT Self ☒
 Mailing address: 4014 WEST NIKE DRIVE City: WJ State: UT Zip: 84400
 Telephone (optional): 801-547-4407 10847E 26500N FAIRVIEW

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

- 1- We believe that the BLM recommendation is correct
- 2- The impact to our properties Not following BLM
 - A- Wet lands will be impacted
 - B- The spotted frog
 - C- The quail and ducks, which pond there
 - D- The impact on the water way, deer, elk, cranes
 - E- The flow of irrigation water
 - F- The flow of National springs which feeds the sand pit river
 - G- The level of the ponds
 - H- The Billowing of the water as it flows now
- 3- Wildlife habitat will be affected.
- 4- An environment impact of the National habitat will be compromised.

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- 5- We support & recommend, BLM Route.

176a ☐ Comment and route preference noted.

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Kathleen S. Mower



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Name: Kathleen S. Mower Date: 3-18-14
 Title: _____ Organization that you represent: Property owner Self ☒
 Mailing address: 366 Susan Cir City: Sandy State: UT Zip: 84072
 Telephone (optional): 801-571-8016

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

We have recreational property that we have enjoyed for more than 10 years. Several generations of our family enjoy it. The idea of having high power lines in this area is very disconcerting. We have viewed deer, bear, a mountain lion, many birds including sage grouse which are endangered. We have elk which is a preferred food of the grouse. There are lots of steep areas and the ground is very difficult to traverse. If there is added construction it will only add to ~~the~~ damaging the environment further. Please plan by the BLMs plan - or the plan with the least impact on land + wild life + our enjoyment.

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177a ☐ Comment and route preference noted.

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Selective Mitigation Measure 5 (minimize new or improved accessibility, Chapter 2, Table 2-13) is applied in areas that have been identified as sensitive to unintended use (ATV), which would be carried forward into the POD. The Applicant is committed to work with agencies and landowners, through development of the POD and during implementation and operation of the transmission line. Coordination to limit potential for unauthorized use would occur throughout the life of the Project.

Additionally, design features of the Proposed Action for environmental protection and selective mitigation measures are designed and applied to reduce potential impacts from the Project on recreation resources, grazing uses, and visual resources. Refer to Chapter 2 for a comprehensive list of the design features that will be used for the entire Project and the selective mitigation measures that will be used in specific areas along the Project.

177c ☐ Comment and route preference noted.

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Scott V. Mower



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 Title: Mad Property owner Organization that you represent: South Arapaho Indian Self ☒
 Mailing address: 366 Sagen Cir City: Sandy State: UT Zip: 84070
 Telephone (optional): 801-571-8016

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

The BLM doesn't show The Sage grouse
that we have on our property. Nor the
lek (lec) food that is also prevalent on our
lands. I have watch grouse doing their
mating dance. It is a very interesting practice
of nature that will be destroyed.

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Comment and route preference noted. Data used in the analysis of potential effects on sage-grouse is described in Section 3.2.8.4 The locations of greater sage-grouse populations in Utah are shown on Map 3-5.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****179****Pete Norris**

From: Pete Nomis [<mailto:pknomis@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 9:58 AM
To: Megan Dunford
Subject: Power line proposal information

179a

Hello Megan I have received the DVD you have sent with all the information regarding the power lines running through Utah my name is PeterNomis I have a pretty decent chunk of property on the north side of highway 40 according to your guyses proposal it looks like it runs right through or near my property on the north side in Fruitland utah my mother is marilyn Nomis please bear with me as I am handicap I am blind almost 100 percent and it is very hard for me to email I am doing my best thank you for understanding I hope that I am talking to the right person please let me know if I am NOT and point me in the direction of who I would need to talk to you we are interested in finding out more about your powerline and the proposition area is it is going to be running through I am very interested in and seeing what we can come up with to me it looks like your proposal is going to run right through some parts of my property I am interested to know when the meetings are where they will be taking place and what days and time I hope that we can help each other in this if there is a phone number that I may contact you are the person that is in charge of this please let me know and please let me know if I have the right person again thank you very much and have a wonderful day look forward to hearing from you Peter Nomis

179a **Comment and route preference noted.**

Comment(s)

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James H. Ockey



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Name: James H Ockey Date: March 14
 Title: Owner Organization that you represent: Self/Ockey Ranch Self ☒
 Mailing address: PO Box 309 City: Nephi State: UT Zip: 84648
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Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

This Route for the South Transmission project through Nephi Canyon is completely unsatisfactory. There are already 4 major transmission lines going through the Canyon & through our Salt Ranch property. I'm against the route going through our property and will fight its location in any way I can. What are you trying to do to this beautiful pristine canyon? Its history alone will be ruined by these lines. Do you not have any feelings or pride about pioneer history? I'm not an indian but I can't use that reason. I do not have a major coal project so that reason won't fly. I'm just a 3rd generation Rancher trying to protect a pioneer homestead of 1874.

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The location of the alternative route is based on collocating with these existing transmission lines to reduce the cumulative effects of separating the lines and occupying a larger portion of the canyon. Along the east side of the canyon, the alternative route parallels an existing transmission line to the north of the highway. Before the existing line reaches the Nebo Loop Scenic Byway, the alternative route crosses to the south side of the highway to parallel two existing transmission lines, reducing impacts on the scenic road and residences in Salt Creek Canyon.

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Based on existing literature, file searches, and cultural resources inventories, there may be potential cultural resources impacts along the alternative routes and route variations crossing the Nephi Canyons and adjacent areas. If one of these alternative routes or route variations is selected (COUT or COUT BAX alternative routes or route variations), a Class III intensive pedestrian inventory (survey) of the selected route, associated roads, substations, and ancillary facilities would be conducted. All cultural resources sites identified would be documented and evaluated for eligibility for the NRHP and appropriate selective mitigation measures identified in consultation with involved state and federal land-managing agencies and private landowners.

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James H. Ockey (cont.)

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There must be a route where major damage through the canyon would not result.
On the enclosed map I have drawn an alternate route through our property that would eliminate the congestion & also have little impact on our property & ranching operation.

James H. Ockey

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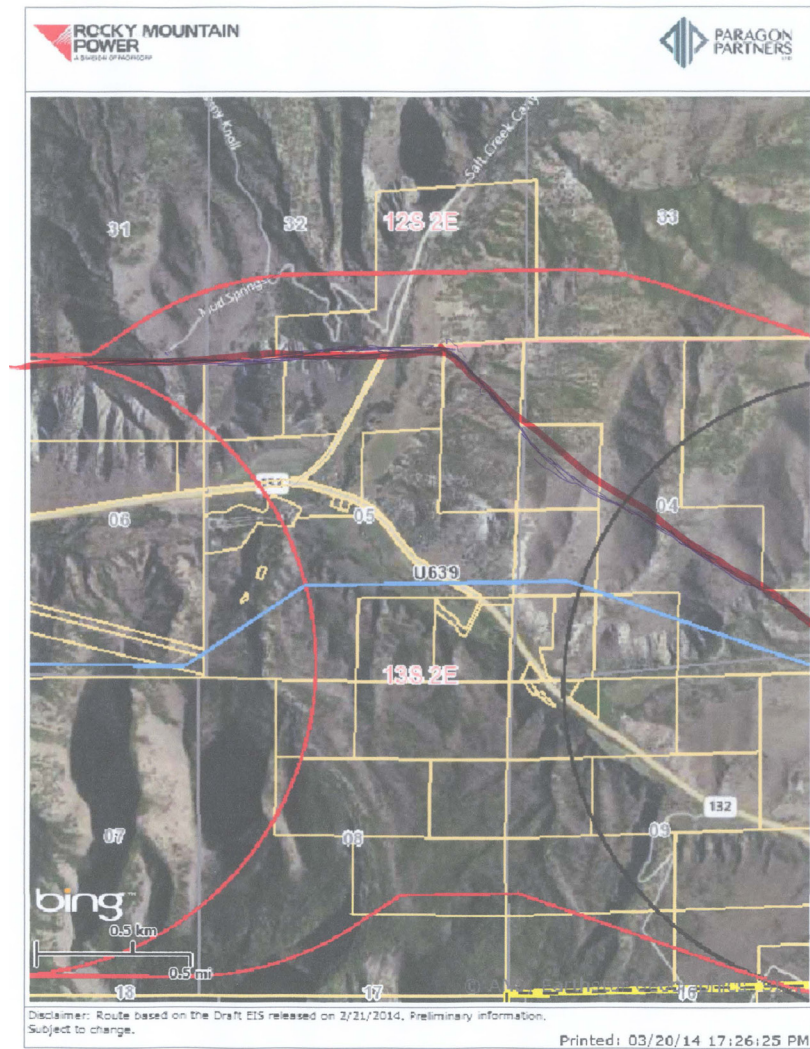
Comment and route preference noted.

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James H. Ockey (cont.)



Comment(s)**Response(s)****181****Marilyn Oden**

From: **marilyn** <acoolerk2@gmail.com>
 Date: Tue, May 20, 2014 at 9:29 AM
 Subject: NW colorado transmission lines.....
 To: tgertsch@blm.gov

Tamara Gertsch, BLM National Project Manager

for a hundred years electric companies' reclamation beneath high powered transmission lines and around poles have been exceptional all across the usa they cross all kinds of wild life, domestic livestock, family pets, outdoor recreation enthusiasts and cities/towns with no damage to anyone NW colorado area would be no different.

if the BLM participates in this then your department will be held accountable down the road when western cities begin to experience BLACK OUTS

do not block "right of way use" across the usa nor infringe upon multiply use of the public county lands in anywaycounty commissioners are elected to make these decisions !

closing any area roads would disenfranchises the handicapped, children and elderly, who have paid taxes for decades specific to care of these lands, preventing each from viewing our lovely county.....

thank you for your consideration.

best, marilyn oden

742 munro ave

rifle, co 81650

181a ☐ Comments noted.

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Sharon S. O'Toole

Box 159
Savery, WY 82332
April 2, 2014

Tamara Gertsch
BLM Wyoming State Field Office
P.O. Box 21150
Cheyenne, WY 82003

Margaret Oler
201 S. Main St., Suite 2300
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Dear Tamara and Margaret,

Thanks for meeting with us at your Open House in Baggs, Wyoming this evening. It was informative.

I do have one concern. I did not realize until we looked at the maps that the transmission line which skirts our private property in Moffat County, Colorado comes within one-half mile of our ranch headquarters. We have a house there which is occupied six to seven month each year.

What is the standard for the distance of the power lines from occupied housing for this project? I am concerned for the health and safety of our employees who live there part of the year.

I'd appreciate it if you would look into this and get back to me with this information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sharon S. O'Toole
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cc: Wendy Reynolds

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Potential public health and safety effects are addressed in Section 3.2.23.

Regarding private lands, the impact on property rights will be carefully considered by the Applicant during micro-siting. The Applicant will negotiate with the owners of real property interests to ensure that, if any private property interests are impaired by the final location, they are appropriately compensated. The project will be built in compliance with NESC, the Applicant's standards, and industry best practices with regards to line clearances to vegetation and other structures.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****183****Jeff and Tori Pack**

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From: **Tori Pack** <torishawpack@yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, Mar 21, 2014 at 8:29 AM

Subject: Energy Gateway South Transmission Project

To: "GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov" <GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov>

Jeff Pack

Tori Pack

3/21/2014

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801-602-5996

I am writing in hopes that the preferred route for the Gateway South will be chosen. I live where the alternative route is proposed. Though the power company states that power lines pose no health threat, I feel that there are major health concerns in having the lines close to my home, causing harm to myself, my husband, my child, and my pets and farm animals. I also feel that my home value would be severely lowered if there were power lines near my home. Thank you for considering my concerns. Tori Pack

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The Applicant is aware of concerns regarding possible health risks from EMF; however, no adverse health effects of EMF are conclusively or consistently identified by scientists. As identified in design features of the Proposed Action (Table 2-8, Design Feature 11), the Applicant would continue to follow studies performed on EMF research. The Applicant relies on the findings and conclusions of public health specialists and international scientific organizations, such as the WHO and the ICNIRP, for guidance and guidelines regarding EMF. EMF is discussed in greater detail in Section 3.2.23.

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As described in the Impacts to Property Values section of Section 3.2.22, property values can be affected by transmission lines, depending on the proximity of the transmission line to structures, the surrounding topography, and the existence of landscaping and other vegetation. Additional description has been added to Section 3.2.22, indicating the Applicant would pay market value to nonfederal landowners, as established through the appraisal process, for any new land rights or easements required for this Project. The appraisal process takes all factors affecting value into consideration, including the impact of transmission lines on property value. Therefore, private property owners would be compensated for any losses in property values based on market values assessed through the appraisal process. These impacts are described in Social and Economic Conditions, Section 3.2.22.

184	Comment(s)	Response(s)
	<p style="text-align: center;">Greg Parker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">April 16, 2014</p> <p>Bureau of Land Management BLM Wyoming State Office P.O. Box 21150 Cheyenne, WY 82003</p> <p>Attn: Sharon Knowlton (TransWest Express Transmission Line Project) Attn: Tamara Gertsch (Energy Gateway South Transmission Project) CC: Juan Palma, Director, BLM Utah State Office</p> <p style="text-align: right; color: purple;">2014 APR 24 AM 10:01 RECEIVED DOI-BLM CHEYENNE WYOMING</p>	
184a	<p>I'm writing in support of the BLM/Agency preferred route for the two intertwined power projects coming through Utah -- TransWest Express and Energy Gateway South. The BLM/Agency preferred route that utilizes numerous existing power corridors in unpopulated areas along Highway-6 and avoids Sanpete County residential and recreational areas is by far the best choice.</p>	<p>184a Comment and route preference noted.</p>
184b	<p>The Rocky Mountain Power (Pacific Corp) preferred route is clearly a blatant attempt by the company to reduce installation costs at the expense of an entire community (Fairview City and Sanpete County). The economical and environmental impacts will be devastating if this alternate route is approved.</p>	<p>184b Comment and route preference noted.</p>
	<p>Additional EIS factors that should be considered in support of the BLM/Agency route and the denial of the Rocky Mountain route include the following:</p>	
184c	<p><u>Earth Resources</u></p> <p>Geologic Hazards. The mountainous terrain and unstable soil/rock in Fairview Canyon creates a safety hazard during tower installations as well as long-term canyon use. Annual road repairs in the canyon due to sink-holes and rock slides are common.</p>	<p>184c It is possible that construction of the Project could increase susceptibility to geological hazards in some areas (e.g., in areas with slumps and flows). Thus, avoidance of geologic hazards and engineering constraints criteria were applied in the Applicant's identification of feasible corridors for the siting and construction of transmission lines as part of the design features of the Proposed Action. Potential impacts on the Project resulting from geological hazards are discussed in detail in Section 3.2.2.5. In the analysis, the area around Fairview Canyon was assessed in the EIS as having high susceptibility for landslides.</p>
184d	<p><u>Paleontological Resources</u></p> <p>Paleontological. The Fairview Museum contains a life-size replica of a Woolly Mammoth discovered close to the pending Narrows Dam project. It's probable that other paleontological discoveries will occur in the area.</p>	<p>184d All available data regarding previously recorded fossil localities was included in the analysis presented in Section 3.2.5.</p>
184e	<p><u>Water Resources</u></p> <p>Water. Homes outside of the Fairview city limits are dependent on underground well water. Tower installations could easily disrupt delicate water aquifers.</p>	<p>184e Comment noted. Impacts on water resources, including wells, are disclosed and analyzed in Section 3.2.4. Design features such as Design Feature 30, which prohibits the refueling or storage of hazardous materials in proximity to waterbodies and wells, would be in place to protect aquifers.</p>

184	Comment(s) Greg Parker (cont.)	Response(s)
184f	<p>Wetlands. There are two wetland ecosystems that will be impacted by the Rocky Mountain Power route --- the Narrows Dam area (between Fairview Lakes and Gooseberry Reservoir) and in the Sanpete valley associated with the Sanpitch River.</p>	<p>184f Comment noted. Wetlands included in analysis were inventoried using the most current National Wetlands Inventory data combined with National Gap Analysis Program landcover mapping. Refer to Section 3.2.4.</p>
184g	<p><u>Biological Resources</u></p> <p>Elk and Deer Habitat. The Fairview valley – especially the Oak Creek area -- is vital for winter habitat and migration. A state designated Wildlife Management Area (WMA), between Milburn Road and Highway-89, is directly in the path of the Rocky Mountain route.</p> <p>Bald Eagle Habitat. The Fairview valley is winter habitat for migrating Bald Eagles. Death rates will surely skyrocket.</p> <p>Canadian Goose Migration. Similar to Bald Eagles, Canadian Geese use the Fairview valley for annual migration. Agriculture water holding-ponds in the OakCreek/Milburn impact zone are common breeding areas.</p>	<p>184g Impacts on big game habitat, bald eagles and other raptors, and migratory birds in the Fairview Valley area are addressed in Sections 3.2.7.5.4 and 3.2.9.</p> <p>The BLM continues to work closely with FWS and the Applicant to develop avoidance and minimization measures to reduce effects on avian species based on industry best practices. Design features of the Proposed Action and site-specific selective mitigation measures to reduce effects of the Project on avian species are listed in Section 3.2.9, Mitigation Planning and Effectiveness. Examples include Design Feature 4 (avian-safe design standards), Design Feature 6 (seasonal restrictions for nesting migratory birds), and Design Feature 7 (breeding bird and nest surveys).</p> <p>Impacts on big game habitat would be reduced through the application of relevant design features and selective mitigation measures listed in Table 3-80.</p>
184h	<p><u>Land Use & Recreation</u></p> <p>Future Land Use. The land north of Fairview that's within half of the proposed Rocky Mountain route is considered a "Fairview City buffer zone area." Installing two or potentially three large power projects will most certainly impair future residential growth and negatively impact property values.</p>	<p>184h Based on data received and digitized from Fairview City, Utah, no Fairview City buffer zone area was identified. BLM recognizes the corridor does cross lands zoned as sensitive land outside of Fairview City boundaries in Sanpete County as depicted on Fairview City's zoning map. All potential impacts related to the zoning and general plan management direction in Sanpete County are analyzed in Section 3.2.11; potential impacts on future development are analyzed in Section 3.2.11; and potential impacts on property values are analyzed in Section 3.2.22.</p>
184i	<p>Recreation. The Rocky Mountain route passes directly through some of the most widely used camping, fishing, and snowmobiling areas. These include Skyline Drive North, Gooseberry Reservoir/river, Gooseberry Campground, Fairview Lakes, and the various local cabin associations.</p>	<p>184i Scenic byways and other recreational areas and activities that may be affected by alternative routes considered for the Project are documented in Section 3.2.12. Scenic byways and other recreational areas and activities that may be affected by route variations are documented in Appendix F.</p>
184j	<p>Scenery. Noticeably missing from the draft EIS documents of both projects is that fact that Fairview Canyon is designated as a National Scenic Byway. Two or three monstrous power line projects will seriously impact scenic views.</p>	<p>184j See next page for response to 184m.</p>
184k	<p>Agriculture. Fairview valley farmers have large investments in buried water distribution lines and above ground motorized wheel-lines. Agriculture water sprinklers typically require large unencumbered space that will be jeopardized by power-line towers.</p>	<p>184k See next page for response to 184m.</p>
184l	<p><u>Social & Economic</u></p> <p>City & County. Fairview City promotes itself as the "Gateway to the Skyline." The negative recreational impact (above) will be an economic hardship to the town as campers and fisherman relocate to other areas free of intruding power lines.</p>	<p>184l See next page for response to 184m.</p>
184m	<p>Property Owners. Foremost in every Fairview area property owner's mind is the negative impact to property values both near-term and future (e.g. salability). The Rocky Mountain route creates many more issues and hardships with property owners than the BLM/Agency route.</p>	<p>184m See next page for response to 184m.</p>

Comment(s)**Response(s) - continued****184****Greg Parker (cont.)**

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The entire Energy Loop Scenic Byway, of which Fairview Canyon is a portion, was assessed as part of the impacts on views (travel routes). In particular, impacts resulting from the Project on views along the scenic byway were assessed to be high due to the natural setting present across the Wasatch Plateau. Based on these impacts, and other resource effects, this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

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To reduce potential impacts on agricultural irrigation systems, design features of the Proposed Action for environmental protection and selective mitigation measures have been identified for the Project. The design features include Design Features 20, 22, 23, 26, and 27. The selective mitigation measures include Selective Mitigation Measures 1 and 11. Information discussing these design features and selective mitigation measures can be found in Chapter 2 and Section 3.2.11.4.2.

In general, these design features and selective mitigation measures are designed to align the right-of-way on agricultural land insofar as is practicable to reduce the impact on farm operations and agricultural production.

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Construction workers could displace tourism temporarily in small towns with limited housing and lodging resources. These issues may be mitigated through working with counties and communities on these issues. These issues are best addressed during the county and/or state permitting phase of the project (e.g., the Wyoming Industrial Siting Permits). Additionally, the Applicant employs Customer and Community Managers to coordinate with local communities about these types of requirements, concerns, and recommendations.

In locations where the Project would dominate a natural setting, high impacts on those views are described in Section 3.2.18 and mapped on MV-21b in Volume II of the Final EIS. Impacts on the natural character of Fairview Canyon are also discussed in Section 3.2.18 and mapped on MV-23b. Based upon these impacts, and other resource effects, this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative. It is likely the presence of the transmission line would affect where people participate in recreational activities in specific locations; however, it is unclear whether their presence would deter hunters and fishermen from visiting the general location, such as Fairview Canyon.

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As described in the Impacts to Property Values section of Section 3.2.22, property values can be affected by transmission lines, depending on the proximity of the transmission line to structures, the surrounding topography, and the existence of landscaping and other vegetation. There are 10 residences north of Fairview, Utah, located within 0.25 mile of Alternatives COUT-H and COUT BAX-E, which are likely to be affected by the proximity of the transmission line.

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Greg Parker (cont.)

Public Health & Safety

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Public Health. Another reason the Rocky Mountain route should be denied is that it passes through a much more populated area – both permanent residents and recreationists – than the BLM preferred route. While still refuted by power companies, there is growing evidence – such as the California PUC eight-year study – that shows a direct relationship between overhead power lines (EMF) and childhood leukemia, adult brain cancer, and Lou Gehrig's disease.

Thank you for considering this feedback in your final route decision.

Regards,

Greg Parker
Fairview, Utah 84629

Response(s)

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Furthermore, all residences were included in the analysis of high concern views. In locations where the Project would dominate a natural setting, high impacts on those views are described in Section 3.2.18 and mapped on MV-21b in Volume II of the Final EIS. Impacts on the natural character of Fairview Canyon are also discussed in Section 3.2.18 and mapped on MV-23b. Based upon these impacts, and other resource effects, this alternative was not chosen as the agency preferred route.

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The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) created the California EMF Program in 1993, which was administered by the California Department of Health Services (CDHS). The program issued its final report in 2002. The report was authored by three staff scientists at CDHS and the conclusions expressed in the report were not consensus opinions, but individual opinions of the three scientists. The Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) that oversaw the program opined that the SAP “might come to somewhat different conclusions and arrive at lower estimates of risk from EMFs” compared to the CDHS report. The conclusions of the CDHS report were also in contrast to conclusions expressed in other, consensus-based opinions of numerous national and international multidisciplinary expert panels, convened before and after the CDHS report. These expert panel opinions and reports include those of the U.S. National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (1999), the International Agency for Research on Cancer (2002), the WHO (2002), the International Commission of Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (2010), and the European Union’s Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks (2013). None of these consensus reports concluded there are any known adverse health effects due to exposure to EMF.

Following the completion of the California EMF project, the CPUC made no change to its EMF policy. In its 2006 decision, the CPUC reaffirmed its low-cost/no-cost policy to minimize EMF exposure from new utility transmission and substations projects.

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Gerald and Diane Pearl

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Name: Gerald + Diane Pearl Date: 4-13-14
 Title: Self Organization that you represent: _____ Self ☐
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 3110 City: Tamara State: WY Zip: 82003
 Telephone (optional): _____

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 Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

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we prefer BLM Highway to Road
Our home set directly under the other Road
plus our 10 plus acres.
Cannot be health for our family, children
grand children + little stock
Sharon
Diane Pearl

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Comment(s)**Response(s)****186****Chelsey Peck**

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Chelsey Peck, I am writing this letter to explain to you how important this property is to me and my family. We have owned property here for as long as I can remember. I spent most of my childhood here. I am 21 years old and I can tell you that I have a work ethic that you just don't see in young people anymore. Why? Because I grew up spending my summers building four wheeler trails and building log cabin huts for us kids to play in, chopping and sawing up dead trees for firewood, etc.. I was very fortunate to grow up in an environment that taught me how to work hard and have fun all at the same time.

We are planning on having bunk houses on our property so my sisters and I have each have our own personal place to stay with our spouses and kids. We love it here, we love the quiet, and we love the peacefulness and the beauty. I want my kids to be able to enjoy this beautiful place the same way I have always been able to.

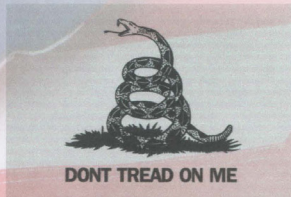
My parents and everyone else on this mountain has worked very hard for this piece of land and has put in a lot of hard earned money into what they have here. We didn't put all of this hard work and money into it just so people like you can come in and destroy it! You would be in violation of taking away the freedom and the rights of the land owners here! It would be unconstitutional and un-American, and I can tell you right now that will start a fight that won't go away!

This land is our refuge, it's our get away. I want you to picture in your head your favorite place to vacation, your favorite place to get away from reality for a while... I bet it's nice. Now, picture some big company coming into your favorite place and turning into something else. Your nice place will never be the same again! Yeah... it makes you angry right? Well than don't do that to us! Take your ideas and place them elsewhere!

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Chelsey Peck (AKA one upset American girl!)

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Comment and route preference noted.

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Roger Peck

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Name: Roger R. Peck Date: 3/18/2014
 Title: _____ Organization that you represent: Land owner Self ☒
 Mailing address: 555 S. 600 E. City: Lehi State: UT Zip: 84043
 Telephone (optional): 801-368-3924

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

To whom it may concern: My wife & I purchased land in the lower argyle canyon about 17 yrs. ago. The reason we chose this area was because of how secluded & private it is & the abundance of trees & wildlife. We have practically raised our children there camping every summer. Now, we finally have a cabin in the area that I have worked my whole life for. A place where my family can go year-around to get away from the city, the noise, the pollution & the infrastructure that we all get used to seeing in the city. Now, we hear that they want to put high voltage transmission lines through our backyard. I know that there are many others like myself who have spent their entire life savings to have a place in this area. Please consider taking the route to a less wooded & inhabited place like the sage brush flats to

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Thanks, Roger
Peck
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Comment and route preference noted. Based on comments received on the Draft EIS, the Applicant coordinated with some representatives of the Argyle Wilderness Protection Corporation to identify alternative route refinements and variations in this area that would avoid or reduce potential impacts on existing and planned land uses in the area (e.g., seasonal-use homes) and sensitive environmental resources. These route variations have been analyzed for the Final EIS and are addressed in Appendix F.

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Comment and route preference noted.

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Roger Peck (cont.)

1- ~~Also~~ Also, we have abundant wildlife including deer, elk, Fox, snowshoe hare rabbits & Sage grouse. We go up here year around & see wildlife even through to winter.

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2- ~~Also~~ Also, this area is a watershed area for Carbon County. We pay dues for water rights through to Carbon Canal Company. If a swath of vegetation is cut down in this area there will be large scale devastation caused by debris fields that will flow during the heavy summer rains that this area receives.

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Comment noted. Erosion potential is not expected to increase solely due to vegetation clearing; however, erosion could increase as a result of soil disturbance. Several Project design features of the Proposed Action are intended to minimize the potential for increased erosion. Notably, Design Feature 2 requires the recontouring and revegetation of disturbed areas to reduce erosion potential.

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Roger and Melissa Peck

"Energy Gateway South Transmission Project"

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a Property Owner in S Argyle Canyon Est. We originally purchased property in that area in the 1990's. Our four daughters were raised there and we have worked very hard to keep it a beautiful, peaceful, quiet and natural place. We have protected it from trespassers, hunters, pine Beetles, fire etc... over the years. we have put our hearts and souls, not to mention blood sweat and tears into this area. We have dreamed, saved and sacrificed for years to have a cabin up there some day. a little over a year ago, after finally paying off our house, we got our cabin. We have spent nearly every weekend this past year finishing it.

We love this area! It's full of wildlife, there's elk herds, deer, cougars, bears, grouse, blue jays, wood peckers, squirrels, chipmunks etc... not to mention some of the nicest people you'll ever meet. All with the same dreams and hard working and financial sacrificed we have made for this area.

I dont know if any of you are familiar with this area but if you look on a map, you will notice that this area is a small area full of trees in a mountain area surrounded by dry desert, sage brush and waste lands. Its the only area with pine trees and quakies for miles. We protect all the little saplings in this area because just a few miles away there aren't any for miles and miles! And now this project wants to run Public Power and Transmission lines right through our Private Properties we have worked so hard for. I find it ironic that this is supposed to be an Environmental Project, Clean Energy yet it's going to take out Thousands of trees in such a small area as Argyle Canyon, that can't afford to lose them.

- 188a Public Lines should go through Public lands! It's my understanding that the BLM doesn't want the lines on BLM Land because of the Sage Grouse. I don't know why that should be a problem, the sage grouse is not on any endangered list and cant fly high enough to get tangled in any of the lines. The Sage Grouse are all over in Indian Canyon and in Argyle Canyon. WE see them all over the place. If the BLM is worried about the lines emitting harmful waves or rays that may alter the health of the flocks then I have to ask, When did birds become more important than human beings? Research has shown that living near Transmission and high voltage power lines is bad for your health, causing illnesses such as childhood leukemia, other cancers, abnormal heart rhythms, miscarriages, low birth weight, birth defects and other illnesses that might lead to premature death. can even weaken immune systems and alter DNA. If the BLM doesn't want these lines because they are harmful to these birds then why is it ok for us, our kids and our grandkids to be forced to be exposed to them. Like i said, I have four girls, One of which, my oldest is Pregnant with her second baby leaving her three sisters to follow suite in the future. who is going to take responsibility for their's or their babies health or my health being effected or altered because of what these lines emit? The BLM? The County? The State? The Fed. Government? The Power Companies? I'm sure no one wants to be responsible for that kind of risk. So WHY run them through such a highly populated area as Argyle Canyon over peoples cabins & recreational properties where families gather to enjoy one another and enjoy nature, away from

- 188a Comment and route preference noted.

- 188b Greater sage-grouse are a Candidate species for listing under the Endangered Species Act. The impact analysis was conducted using the best scientific information about transmission lines' potential effects on the species. The potential for sage-grouse to occur in Argyle and Indian Canyons was evaluated and is discussed in Section 3.2.8.5.4.

- The Applicant is aware of concerns regarding possible health risks from EMF; however, no adverse health effects of EMF are conclusively or consistently identified by scientists. As identified in design features of the Proposed Action (Table 2-8, Design Feature 11), the Applicant would continue to follow studies performed on EMF research. The Applicant relies on the findings and conclusions of public health specialists and international scientific organizations, such as the WHO and the ICNIRP, for guidance and guidelines regarding EMF. EMF is discussed in greater detail in Section 3.2.23.

- 188c Comprehensive reviews of EMF research, such as the one conducted by the WHO, have found there is insufficient evidence to conclude that exposure to EMF leads to long-term health effects, such as adult cancer, neurodegenerative diseases (such as Alzheimer's or Lou Gehrig's disease), or adverse effects on reproduction, pregnancy, or growth and development of an embryo. While limited evidence is available on a potential link with childhood leukemia, the evidence is not conclusive enough to consider it a causal relationship or to form the basis of scientifically based exposure guidelines.

Overall, based on currently available evidence, the WHO concludes that "[d]espite extensive research, to date there is no evidence to conclude that exposure to low level electromagnetic fields is harmful to human health." Similarly, the ICNIRP, the leading agency to set scientifically based exposure limits for electric and magnetic fields (EMF) to protect public health, states that the evidence from studies of long-term health outcomes "is too weak to form the basis for exposure guidelines."

Comment(s)

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Roger and Melissa Peck (cont.)

188c

noise, pollution and Powerlines. There are other Routes to choose from such as along highway 40 or to the East of Argyle canyon.

I hope that you will put yourselves in our situation before you make your final decision on this project
 . Would you want this project going through your private property your trying to preserve for your posterity?
 WE DO NOT!!!

Roger & Melissa Peck

Comment(s)**Response(s)****189****Gordon L. Pedrow**From: <gpedrow@aol.com>

Date: Tue, May 20, 2014 at 4:37 AM

Subject: Comments for Energy Gateway South Transmission Line

To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.govCc: dedmunds@audubon.org, alex_daue@twis.org

Please find comments for the draft EIS for the subject project.

Thank you,

Gordon L. Pedrow
 2639 Falcon Dr
 Longmont, CO 80503

Energy Gateway South Transmission Line Project

After spending parts of March and April of this year in northwest Colorado, I have a new appreciation for the uniqueness of the area covered by this draft EIS. The area is remote. It provides habitat for many birds and mammals. In some places, it is wild. When better options exist, it should be left as is.

Given my recent observations in the area, I strongly disagree with the proposed route through large portions of Colorado. The least environmentally damaging route in the DEIS is WYCO-D1. By following Co Hwy 13 and US Hwy 40, as well as, existing transmission corridors, WYCO-D1 will have a much smaller environmental foot print than the proposed route. Use of existing roadways in WYCO-D1 will provide considerable access for construction and maintenance of the transmission line and eliminate the need to newly disturb many acres of additional land.

WYCO-D1 avoids impacts to BLM lands with wilderness characteristics, as well as, to critical Greater sage-grouse habitat. The proposed route will significantly negatively impact these valuable public lands and habitat.

I encourage your reassessment of the proposed route and strong consideration of WYCO-D1.

Gordon L. Pedrow
 2639 Falcon Dr
 Longmont, Co 80503

189a Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

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Norman and Cherie Petersen



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Name: NORMAN AND CHERIE PETERSEN Date: 19 MAY 2014
Title: _____ Organization that you represent: _____ Self ☒
Mailing address: 426 MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE City: SANDY State: UTAH Zip: 84070
Telephone (optional): 801 255-5917

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

IT IS WITH GREAT SORROW THAT WE LEARNED OF THE PROPOSED POWER LINE PROJECT THROUGH OUR CHOICE MOUNTAIN PROPERTY THAT WE HAVE LOVED AND CHERISHED FOR SO MANY YEARS. WHAT IS PARTICULARLY GRIEVING IS THE KNOWLEDGE THAT OTHER ROUTES OFFER EASIER TO BUILD, UNOBSTRUCTED, NON-INVASIVE ALTERNATIVES TO EVER DIMINISHING PRIVATE PROPERTY IN ITS NATURAL STATE.

WE PURCHASED THIS LAND AS A PRISTINE AND BEAUTIFUL RETREAT WHERE WE COULD ENJOY THE BEAUTIES OF UNDISTURBED COUNTRY AND OBSERVE THE WILD LIFE AND PLANTS AND TREES THAT ABUND AND THRIVE IN THIS PRIVATE AND PROTECTED (WE THOUGHT) SANCTUARY. WE HAVE SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS AND A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY PROVIDING ACCOMODATIONS IN ORDER TO ENJOY A WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE (COVER)

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190a ☐ Comment and route preference noted.190b ☐ Comment noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

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Norman and Cherie Petersen (cont.)

WE ARE GRIEVED THAT THE PROPOSED TRANSMISSION PROJECT INTRUDES NOT ONLY ON OUR NATURAL SURROUNDINGS WITH THE RESULTING LAND-SCARRING DAMAGE THAT INSTALLING LARGE POWER TOWERS LEAVES TO THE LANDSCAPE, BUT LEAVES HUGE STRUCTURES AND OVERHEAD LINES AS A CONSTANT REMINDER OF THE VIOLATION OF OUR HARD EARNED (WE THOUGHT) PRIVATE PROPERTY.

WE ARE PARTICULARLY UPSET THAT INTRUDING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY IS SO UNNECESSARY WHEN ROUTING THE LINE ON NON-PRIVATE ALTERNATE ROUTES, WHICH ARE EASIER TO BUILD AND MORE DIRECT, ARE AVAILABLE WITHOUT SUCH INTRUSION ON OUR PROPERTY.

THESE LARGE TOWERS, LINES AND DESTROYED VEGETATION, FOREVER INTERRUPTING OUR DAYTIME VIEWS OF PRISTINE LAND, AND CONSTANTLY DEFILING AND INTERFERING WITH THE BEAUTIFUL INSPIRING CANOPY OF A CLEAR NIGHT SKY FILLED WITH BRIGHT STARS WILL BE A CONSTANT REMINDER THAT YET ANOTHER WILD PART OF OUR BEAUTIFUL STATE IS FOREVER LOST TO OUR VIEW.

THE LOSS OF PROPERTY VALUES WE WILL SUSTAIN IS DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE DECISION TO INTRUDE ON PRIVATE LAND, WHEN ALTERNATIVE ROUTES WOULD LEAVE NO SUCH LOSSES TO PRIVATE CITIZENS.

WE IMPLORE YOU TO USE AN ALTERNATE ROUTE FOR THIS PROJECT

Cherie Petersen
Cherie Petersen

Impacts on views from residences, recreation sites, and travel routes as well as modifications to scenery were all assessed in the EIS to disclose effects on visual resources. Additionally, all practicable mitigation would be applied to reduce these effects to the extent possible. Due to the amount of privately owned land in the Project area, the siting of alternative routes balanced the need to cross some private lands in consideration of impacts on other resources.

As described in the Impacts to Property Values section of Section 3.2.22, property values can certainly be affected by transmission lines, depending on the proximity of the transmission line to structures, the surrounding topography, and the existence of landscaping and other vegetation. Various distances from residences to the transmission line are analyzed in the Final EIS to evaluate possible impacts to property values.

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Comment(s)**I91****David and Susie Peterson**

Dear BLM people

Our names are Dave and Susie Peterson, we are land owners on South Argyle and been for 24 Nineteen years and would like to stay as we have 16 grandchildren and they love to see the animals And spend time together as a family. We love the sagegrouse that run all over up there, the elk and lots Of deer. Why would the BLM run power lines threw this beautiful place where there are so many Animals when there is another route they can go that no wild life will be harmed, not to mention all the Beautiful trees and the currant bushes that the bears love. The eriosion of the ground if we were to get Lots of rain and snow would be tremendous. We have started to get the cottontails back and also fox.

My concern is,if the BLM is to manage the land,wouldn't it be wise to protect this beautiful mountain,

And preserve it for future generations. There is another route for these power lines, and we would

Appreciate it if you would use it.Thank you

David Peterson
Susie Peterson

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Response(s)

I91a Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

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Susie Peterson



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Name: Susie Peterson Date: 3-18-14
 Title: Secretary Organization that you represent: AWCPE Self ☒
 Mailing address: 964 So. Hanna Ln City: Sandy State: UT Zip: 84070
 Telephone (optional): 801-571-1939

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

We have had our property for 18 yrs. We have
wasted really hard to build a cabin and have a
place to bring our children and grandchildren. We want
to teach them about taking care of our wilderness.
There are several factors.
A. If a water shed area
B. Sage grouse
C. erosion to the ground
D. disturbing the animal kingdom
E. our grandkids need to roam in these
beautiful mountains.
It is not fair that the BLM has that much control
over everything. There is another route you can use.

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Response(s)

192a

Comment noted. Potential effects on sage-grouse and other wildlife are addressed in Sections 3.2.8 and 3.2.7.

192b

Comment and route preference noted.

	Comment(s)	Response(s)
193	Donna Pierce	
	<p>----- Forwarded message ----- From: Donna Pierce <firestormgirl@gmail.com> Date: Thu, Mar 20, 2014 at 10:01 AM Subject: Power lines To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov</p>	
193a	<p>What are u nuts.... leave the beautiful property's alone. Find another way without disturbing beautiful property's with clutter...</p>	<p>193a Comment and route preference noted.</p>

Comment(s)

Response(s)

194

Jeff G. Rappleye



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Name: Jeff G. Rappleye Date: 4-22-14
 Title: _____ Organization that you represent: _____ Self: ☒
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 23 City: Fairview State: UT Zip: 84629
 Telephone (optional): 435-427-9369

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

194a

I Support The BLM preferred Route along Hwy 6 to 89.
Avoiding Fairview Canyon & The surrounding area.

194b

My Property borders an alternate route.
I am approaching retirement age, and my home is my
greatest investment.
Having a powerline in my backyard would lower my
property value and negate years of hard work.

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194a

Comment and route preference noted.

194b

As described in the Impacts to Property Values section of Section 3.2.22, property values can be affected by transmission lines, depending on the proximity of the transmission line to structures, the surrounding topography, and the existence of landscaping and other vegetation. Additional description has been added to Section 3.2.22, indicating the Applicant would pay market value to nonfederal landowners, as established through the appraisal process, for any new land rights or easements required for this Project. The appraisal process takes all factors affecting value into consideration, including the impact of transmission lines on property value. Therefore, private property owners would be compensated for any losses in property values based on market values assessed through the appraisal process.

Comment(s)**195****Jerrold N. Rasmussen**

From: **Jerrold Ras** <3rranch1969@gmail.com>
 Date: Wed, May 7, 2014 at 2:49 PM
 Subject: Gateway South Project
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

To Tamara Gertsch,

195a

I was born and raised in Sanpete County. I am 81 years old and I chose to live my life here because of the natural beauty of this area. It sickens me to think of a Giant Power line destroying the eco system of this delicate habitat which won't be the same for the next generations. What will be the effects on the animals...wild turkeys, deer, elk, coyotes, ducks, Canadian Geese, Sand Hill Cranes...and others if the power lines with all the electro magnetic energy they create makes them sick? There really isn't anyplace else for them to live...that's why they are here. The power companies claim that there are no health risks to animals or people....Hah! Just read the front page of the Salt Lake Tribune last Monday which tells about the law suit between IPP and the Dairy Farmers in Delta. The farmers claim a higher death rate and lower milk production in their animals. And what about health risks to humans? You only have to google electro magnetic poisoning to read about the unfavorable health risks....despite what the power companies say. Our economy is very limited in Sanpete.....we depend on hunting, tourism, farming, and agriculture mostly. I don't see why RMP insists on going through Sanpete when the BLM preferred route already has easments and will have fewer health and economic effects. That's why I am asking RMP to support the BLM study.

Thank you
 Jerrold N. Rasmussen
 Oak Creek, Utah

Response(s)

195a

Potential effects on the natural and human environment are discussed in Chapter 3 of the EIS.

The Applicant is aware of concerns regarding possible health risks from EMF; however, no adverse health effects of EMF are conclusively or consistently identified by scientists. As identified in design features of the Proposed Action (Table 2-8, Design Feature 11), the Applicant would continue to follow studies performed on EMF research. The Applicant relies on the findings and conclusions of public health specialists and international scientific organizations, such as the WHO and the ICNIRP, for guidance and guidelines regarding EMF. EMF is discussed in greater detail in Section 3.2.23.

The internet contains a large amount of unverifiable information and could not be automatically trusted without verification. Comprehensive expert scientific reviews of research studies on EMF and potential health effects, such as the review conducted by the WHO, did not conclude that there is any conclusive evidence to link adverse health effects to EMF. Based on currently available evidence, the WHO concludes that “[d]espite extensive research, to date there is no evidence to conclude that exposure to low level electromagnetic fields is harmful to human health.” Similarly, the ICNIRP, the leading agency to set scientifically based exposure limits for electric and magnetic fields (EMF) to protect public health, states that the evidence from studies of long-term health outcomes “is too weak to form the basis for exposure guidelines.”

Similarly, the overall scientific evidence does not confirm any adverse effects on animal behavior, productivity and health.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****196****Suzan Rasmussen**

From: **Suzan Rasmussen** <art.suzan@yahoo.com>
 Date: Wed, May 7, 2014 at 2:06 PM
 Subject: Rocky Mountain Gateway South Project
 To: "GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov" <GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov>

Dear Tamara Gertsch,

I have lived on our farm in Oakcreek, Utah (two miles north of Fairview on the Milburn Road) for the past 35 years. The Gateway South project proposes to cross our alfalfa field. This will pretty much put us out of the hay growing business because I don't see how we can use wheel lines to water the crops with towers running through the field. Of course we don't want that, so that's why we are hoping the line will follow the BLM alternate route down Highway 6. Has anyone considered the fact that our area is not very stable? Snow College has an earthquake study center which has sensors all over the county to measure activity. So this fact is easily verified. A drive up our Fairview Canyon Road (highway 31) shows evidence of several slide areas over a period of years. So why would RMP want chance their investment along this steep terrain??

Yours truly

Suzan Rasmussen

196a

Comment and route preference noted. Should this alternative route be selected design features of the Proposed Action for environmental protection and selective mitigation have been identified that would reduce potential impacts. The design features include 20, Design Features 22, 23, 26, and 27. The selective mitigation measures include Selective Mitigation Measures 1 and 11. Information discussing these design features and selective mitigation measures can be found in Chapter 2 and Section 3.2.11.4.2.

In general, these design features and selective mitigation measures are designed to align the right-of-way on agricultural land insofar as is practicable to reduce the impact on farm operations and agricultural production.

196b

Comment and route preference noted. It is possible that construction of the Project could increase susceptibility to geological hazards in some areas (e.g., in areas with slumps and flows). Thus, avoidance of geologic hazards and engineering constraints criteria were applied in the Applicant's identification of feasible corridors for the siting and construction of transmission lines as part of the design features of the Proposed Action. Potential impacts on the Project resulting from geological hazards are discussed in detail in Section 3.2.2.5. In the analysis, the area around Fairview Canyon was assessed in the EIS as having high susceptibility for landslides.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

197

Maria Ricks

From: **Maria Ricks** <mmr1308@yahoo.com>
 Date: Mon, May 12, 2014 at 11:19 AM
 Subject: Citizen Comment (The Narrows Project)
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

To Whom it May Concern,

197a

My real concern is that the lines not cross the path of The Narrows Project recreation area near Gooseberry. This would be devastating to the proposed project. Thank you.

Maria Ricks

197a

The Narrows Project is considered a past/present project in the cumulative effect analysis in the Final EIS (rather than a reasonably foreseeable future action). This project is discussed in the Authorized Projects portion of Section 3.2.11. Also, the Narrows Project recreation area is discussed in Section 3.2.12.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

198

Tim Riley

----- Forwarded message -----
 From: **Tim Riley** <teriley162@gmail.com>
 Date: Fri, Mar 21, 2014 at 9:37 AM
 Subject: Gateway South route through Utah
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

198a

I wanted to add my voice to the public comment for this project. I think it is irresponsible to run such a highly visible project through an area of natural beauty such as the San Rafael Swell, including the Mounds area on the north side. Installing multiple 140-190 ft towers per mile would fundamentally alter this area and impact the multitude of other uses of these lands by the public.

This corridor should hew closely to existing infrastructure, such as the US 40 corridor. There is no need to run additional viewshed impacts through this part of Utah.

198a

All alternative routes and route variations contain areas of high impacts on visual resources, including the U.S. Highway 40 route. In regard to the COUT BAX routes, high impacts were documented on views and scenery in the San Rafael Swell, which in context with other resource concerns, led to these alternative routes not being selected as either the Agency or Applicant preferred alternatives.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

199

J.D. Roberts

Concerning the Rocky Mountain Gateway South Project

Tamara Gertsch, National Project Manager

P.O. box 21150

Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003

It has come to my attention that Rocky Mountain Power is asking the BLM to consider a new power transmission gateway through Fairview Canyon to install a new power transmission line. My concerns are that this will harm the canyon and the economy of this area. The canyon is a designated National Scenic ByWay. Where cuts have been made in the past this has created mud slides and the movement of large rocks.

The economy in the northern Sanpete valley, where Fairview Canyon lies is Farming, Ranching, Tourism and recreation. I believe that putting a new Energy Corridor in the area will do significant harm to this area. I support the BLM's decision that these lines should run in the corridor along highway #6 from Helper Ut. And turn south at Thistle Ut. And cross over to Nephi Ut. As was proposed for the Trans West Express Transmission Line Project

Respectfully



JD Roberts

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Construction workers could displace tourism temporarily in small towns with limited housing and lodging resources. These issues may be mitigated through working with counties and communities on these issues. These issues are best addressed during the county and/or state permitting phase of the project (e.g., the Wyoming Industrial Siting Permits). Additionally, the Applicant employs Customer and Community Managers to coordinate with local communities about these types of requirements, concerns, and recommendations.

In locations where the Project would dominate a natural setting, high impacts on those views were described in Section 3.2.18 and mapped on MV-21b in Volume II of the Final EIS. Impacts on the natural character of Fairview Canyon are also discussed in Section 3.2.18 and mapped on MV-23b. Based on these impacts, and other resource effects, this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

It is likely that the presence of the transmission line would affect where people participate in recreational activities in specific locations; however, it is unclear whether their presence would deter hunters and fishermen from visiting the general location, such as Fairview Canyon.

199b

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)		Response(s)
I100	Don and Carolyn Robertson	
	<p>From: Don Robertson <cardon2@sfcn.org> Date: Sat, May 31, 2014 at 7:31 AM Subject: Rocky Mountain Gateway South Project To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov</p>	
I100a	<p>Please strongly consider the BLM alternate route for the Rocky Gateway South project. It seems to us much more reasonable because of easements which already exist. Also, farmland that would be destroyed in that area is very precious. We support the alternate route. Don and Carolyn Robertson</p>	<p>I100a</p> <p>Comment and route preference noted. The alternative route ultimately identified for construction has design features of the Proposed Action for environmental protection and selective mitigation identified that would reduce potential impacts. The design features include Design Features 20, 22, 23, 26, and 27. The selective mitigation measures include Selective Mitigation Measures 1 and 11. Information discussing these design features and selective mitigation measures can be found in Chapter 2 and Section 3.2.11.4.2.</p> <p>In general, these design features and selective mitigation measures are designed to align the right-of-way on agricultural land insofar as is practicable to reduce the impact on farm operations and agricultural production.</p>

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I101

Don Robinson

From: <skipjack25@aol.com>
 Date: Wed, May 21, 2014 at 10:59 AM
 Subject: Approve PacifiCorp preferred route
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

To the Wyoming BLM:

I am writing about the proposed route of huge power transmission lines which could potentially be installed in the Argyle Canyon area of Duchesne County, Utah. These power lines should not be constructed thru this pristine mountain land when there are good and reasonable alternatives which would have far less impact on land, wildlife and the generations of families that are small landowners. Most of the Argyle Canyon area is made up of small ten acre parcels and these power lines would totally destroy some parcels and negatively impact hundreds of others.

The route proposed by PacifiCorp would avoid this area and place these power lines far to the south where the land is more level and open which would be much less invasive to land, wildlife and families. Using government and BLM managed public lands for this project is the only responsible choice.

Approve the PacifiCorp preferred route and save Argyle Canyon for future generations of wildlife and families.

Don Robinson
 Argyle Canyon
 3165 Mandan Way San Diego, CA

I101a Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I102

Tiffany Robinson

From: <skipjack25@aol.com>
 Date: Wed, May 21, 2014 at 11:17 AM
 Subject: In favor of PacifiCorp preferred route
 To: gatewaysouth_wymail@blm.gov

Wyoming BLM

I have spent my summers in the Argyle Canyon area of Dushesne County, Utah since I was 9 years old. This is a beautiful area of ridges, canyons, magnificent pines and open blue sky dotted with soaring hawks and eagles. The deer and elk roam freely along side many other animals and make this a magical place for a child to play, explore, observe and learn to respect the environment.

I would ask that you do not destroy this area with ugly power lines and towers and the devastation that construction would cause.

Please approve the PacifiCorp preferred route and protect my childhood playground.

Tiffany Robinson
 Argyle Canyon
 3165 Mandan Way, San Diego, Ca

I102a

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I103

Janae Rowley

From: **mjrowley** <mjrowley@ubtanet.com>
 Date: Tue, May 20, 2014 at 12:43 PM
 Subject: Fwd: Energy Gateway South Transmission Project Comment
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

----- Original Message -----

Subject:Energy Gateway South Transmission Project Comment
Date:Tue, 20 May 2014 12:38:48 -0600
From:mjrowley <mjrowley@ubtanet.com>
To:<GatewaySouthWYMail@blm.gov>

Attn: Tamara Gertsch,

My name is Janae Rowley. My husband and I own property inside one of the alternate routes of the Project, Unit U513. I mailed you a letter today and am emailing to make sure you receive my comment in time. We have a small cabin, a camp ground and 4-wheeler trails on this property. We use it frequently all summer and fall, almost every weekend. We have 8 children who enjoy our family tradition of going to our property. This 5 acres is the only flat part of our 35 acre parcel. We are strongly against the power line coming across our property.

Thanks so much for a very informative open house this spring.

Thanks for your help,

Janae Rowley

I103a

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

I104

Michael and Janae Rowley



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Name: Michael and Janae Rowley Date: 5/20/2014
 Title: _____ Organization that you represent: _____ Self ☒
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 424 City: Luchasne State: UT Zip: 84021
 Telephone (optional): 435-738-2747

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

We have property directly on the path of this power line - U.S. 13.
We are against the power line because it will greatly affect the use of our land. This is the only flat part of the 35 acres we own. We have a cabin, several trailer spots in a camp ground and fun 4-wheeler trails on this location. We spend as many weekends there as we can all summer and fall. We have 8 children ranging in age from 8 to 22 years. We hoped to make this property a part of our family legacy.
Thank you,
Janae Rowley

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Response(s)

I104a

Regarding private lands, the impact on property rights will be carefully considered by the Applicant during micro-siting. The Applicant will negotiate with the owners of real property interests to ensure that, if any private property interests are impaired by the final location, they are appropriately compensated. The project will be built in compliance with NESC, the Applicant's standards, and industry best practices with regards to line clearances to vegetation and other structures.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I105

Archie and Angie Roybal

From: <a.roybal4@gmail.com>
 Date: Wed, May 21, 2014 at 10:20 PM
 Subject: Gateway South Comment
 To: "GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov" <GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov>

To Whom it May Concern:

Let it be known that we, Archie and Angie Roybal, are in agreement with the W30 and W36 preferred route as shown on Gateway South Transmission project map. It is away from the current established residences at Fort Steele. It is very important that all involved BLM, Gateway officials, etc. work to ensure that all human life is not near this enormous amount of electromagnetic field. The BLM mission statement states that, "It is the mission of the Bureau of Land Management to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations." Therefore we feel confident that all involved will ensure that the power lines remain away from human life.

Sincerely,
 Archie and Angie Roybal
a.roybal4@gmail.com

I105a Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I106

Angie Roybal



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Name: Angie Roybal Date: 5-20-14
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 Mailing address: HC 32 Box 3 City: Rawlins State: WY Zip: 82301
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Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

To Whom it May Concern:
 Let it be known that I, Angie Roybal, am very concerned about the location of the Gateway South Transmission lines. I agree with the W30 preferred route as shown on Gateway South Transmission project map. It is away from the current est. established residences at Fort Steele. It is very important that all involved, BLM, Gateway officials etc. work to ensure that all human life is not near this enormous

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I106a [Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I106

Angie Roybal (cont.)

I106a

amount of electromagnetic
field. I understand that
it is of the utmost
importance that BLM
sustain public lands for
the use of future generations.
Thank you.

Sincerely,
Angie Roybal

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I107

Archie Roybal



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Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

I am a resident of Fort Fred Steele and am very concerned of the transmission project going thru our residents homes. I am very concerned over the high voltage lines and the health hazards they bring. I feel that the preferred Alternative route would be best so the lines stay south of interstate I-80. I think the people of the state should have the say on public land and that is why I feel the BLM is in place. I am not in favor of having these lines go thru Fort Steele or over the residents home.

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I107a

The Applicant is aware of concerns regarding possible health risks from EMFs; however, no adverse health effects of EMF are conclusively or consistently identified by scientists. As identified in design features of the Proposed Action (Table 2-8, Design Feature 11), the Applicant would continue to follow studies performed on EMF research. The Applicant relies on the findings and conclusions of public health specialists and international scientific organizations, such as the WHO and the ICNIRP, for guidance and guidelines regarding EMF. EMF is discussed in greater detail in Section 3.2.23.

I107b

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I108****Robert R. and Linda S. Runyan**

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Name: Robert & Linda Runyan

Date: April 20, 2014

Title: Organization that you represent: Private land owner / Self

Mailing Address: P O Box 551 City: Fairview State: Utah Zip: 84629

Telephone Number: 435-427-3592

Comments:

We live about 3 tens of a mile south of the Rocky Mountain Power Preferred route just off of Milburn Road. Our home is about 1 ½ miles North of the Fairview Canyon Road where it intersects with the Milburn Road. We have some concerns that we would like to address to the decision makers of this Power line route.

- The BLM/US Forest Service preferred route which runs near US 6 to Thistle and then to Salt Creek Canyon has less impact on property owners and residents. We feel that the BLM/Forest Service has taken into consideration all factors relating to their (BLM) preferred route which we believe has a much less impact to Public Lands, private property concerns and the environment.
- The route preferred by the applicant Rocky Mountain Power which runs west from Carbon Count into Sanpete County on to Juab County creates some concerns from our perspective. It brings a power line through Wasatch Plateau and the Skyline Drive area into the mountain valleys in Sanpete and then onto Salt Creek Canyon. Our concerns with the Rocky Mountain Power proposed route:

I108a **Comment and route preference noted.**

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I108****Robert R. and Linda S. Runyan (cont.)**

I108b

* The applicant's route crosses a portion of the Gooseberry Narrows Projects with the adjacent recreation areas. This would create both visual pollution and environmental damage.

I108c

* The applicant's route then move down the Fairview Canyon area where it is very rugged and steep thus any construction to erect and support power poles would have a major impact to the soil, public access, etc.

I108d

* Once roads are placed over the mountain, this would #1- has a negative impact on the grazing rights for stockman and #2- would have a major visual impact on the beauty of Skyline Drive and Fairview Canyon, #3 could destabilize mountain canyons relating to landslides, erosion, etc.

* Once the applicant's route drops into the Oak Creek / Milburn Valley just north of Fairview, its impact would greatly affect the wildlife in the valley.

I108e

* It is our understanding that Utah Division of Nature Resources has an easement close to the Sanpitch River to protect the spotted frogs. I would hope that they would address this engrossment into their easement. This proposed power line would also cross wet lands close to the Sanpitch River.
 * The area where the applicant's route has many irrigation ponds where the Canadian Geese come to nest and raise their young each year.
 * This area is also the winter grounds for large animals like elk and deer which would be negatively impacted by these power lines.

I108f

* Applicant's route would create visual pollution to the Sanpete Valleys for miles. Just this fact alone would cause property values in the area to decrease, and it has the potential to harm property owner's rights to the point where possible litigation could/might occur.

I108g

Robert Runyan & Linda Runyan would strongly support the BLM/U S Forest Service preferred route. We believe that the BLM & Forest Service has properly evaluated the impact of this line on the environment and those that are affected by this project and has developed the route that would have the least impact on the citizen, the land owners and the environment.

Robert R. Runyan *Linda S. Runyan*
 Robert Runyan Linda Runyan

Cc: Juan Palma, Director of Utah BLM Office

I108b

The Narrows Project is considered a past/present project in the cumulative effects analysis in the Final EIS (rather than a reasonably foreseeable future project). This project will be discussed in the Authorized Projects portion of Section 3.2.11 and will be analyzed in the cumulative effects analysis as a past/present project. The Narrows Project recreation area is discussed in Section 3.2.12.

I108c

Comment and route preference noted. It is possible that construction of the Project could increase susceptibility to geological hazards in some areas (e.g., in areas with slumps and flows). Thus, avoidance of geologic hazards and engineering constraints criteria were applied in the Applicant's identification of feasible corridors for the siting and construction of transmission lines as part of the design features of the Proposed Action. Potential impacts on the Project resulting from geological hazards are discussed in detail in Section 3.2.2.5.

I108d

Refer to Section 3.2.11.5 and Appendix L for a discussion of impacts on grazing allotments, Section 3.2.18 for discussions related to Visual Resource impacts, and Section 3.2.2 for information regarding landslides, erosion, etc.

I108e

See next page for response to I108e

I108f

Comment and route preference noted. Potential impacts on property values are discussed in Section 3.2.22.5.2.

I108g

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s) - continued

I108

Robert R. and Linda S. Runyan (cont.)

I108e

Additional information regarding two conservation agreements for Columbia spotted frog located near the Sanpitch River (the Nuttall Farms and Crawford Farms conservation easements) have been incorporated into Sections 3.2.10.4 and 3.2.15) and Appendix J of the Final EIS. Preconstruction surveys would be conducted for sensitive species to identify locations where relevant selective mitigation measures and design features would be applied.

Impacts on migratory birds are discussed in Section 3.2.9 and would also be reduced through the application of relevant design features and selective mitigation measures listed in Tables 2-8 and 2-13.

Impacts on big game habitat, bald eagles and other raptors, and migratory birds in the Fairview Valley area are addressed in Sections 3.2.7.5.4 and 3.2.9.

The BLM continues to work closely with FWS and the Applicant to develop avoidance and minimization measures to reduce effects on avian species based on industry best practices. Design features of the Proposed Action and site-specific selective mitigation measures to reduce effects of the Project on avian species are listed in Section 3.2.9, Mitigation Planning and Effectiveness. Examples include Design Feature 4 (avian-safe design standards), Design Feature 6 (seasonal restrictions for nesting migratory birds), and Design Feature 7 (breeding bird and nest surveys).

Impacts on big game habitat would be reduced through the application of relevant design features and selective mitigation measures listed in Table 3-80.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I109****Carol Scholes**

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Name:	Carol Scholes	Date:	March 11, 2014
Title:	Landowner	Organization you represent:	Click to enter your organization. Self <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mailing Address:	Rte 3 Box 3359	City:	Myton
		State:	UT
		Zip:	84052
Telephone (optional):	435-545-2590		

Comments:**I109a**

Opposed to the line going through this area – there is already one line going through here. Health concerns – two children with disability. Property values. Noise concerns.

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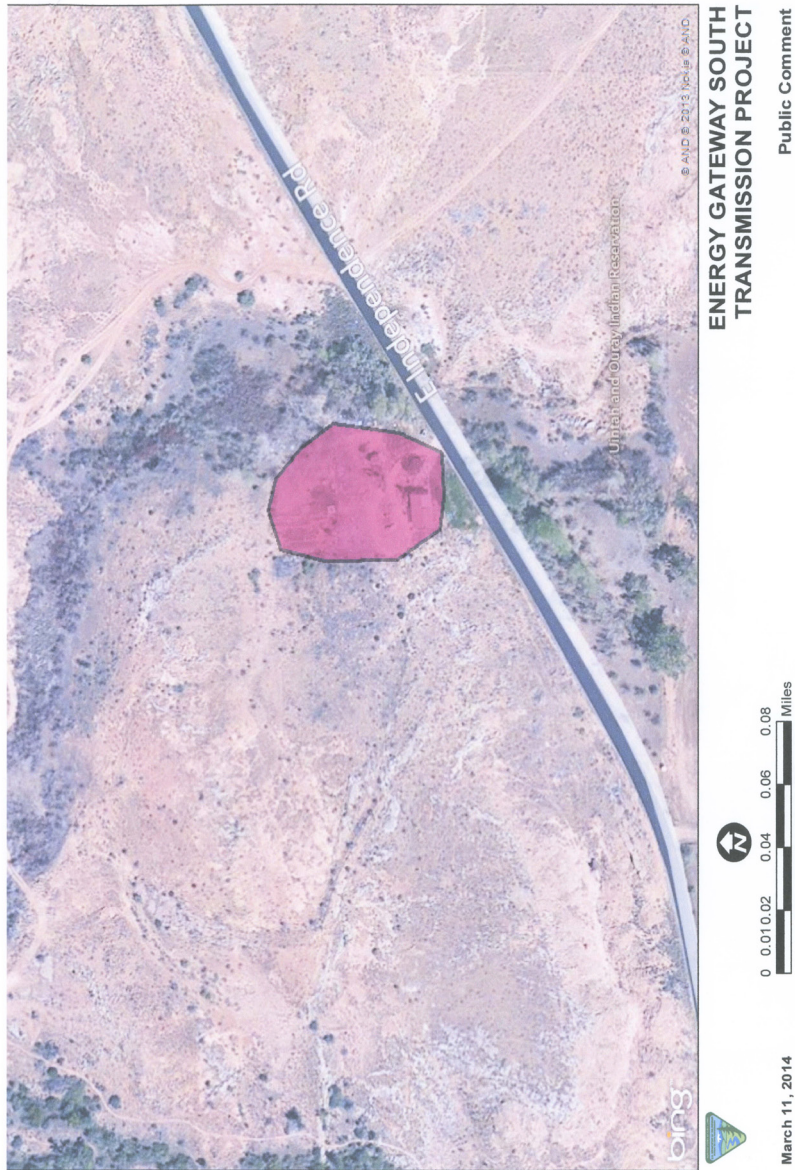
Comment and route preference noted. Potential health concerns, property value and noise are discussed in Sections 3.2.22 and 3.2.23.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I109

Carol Scholes (cont.)



Comment(s)

Response(s)

I110

Robert Scott

From: **Robert Scott** <rscottres@comcast.net>

Date: Tue, May 20, 2014 at 9:16 AM

Subject: DEIS comments Gtwy So.

To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

I110a

Please explain why the routes are so different between Gateway So. and TransWest Express in Utah west of Dinosaur NM. They are mostly coincident from Wyoming to here. Why does the Agency Preferred Alternative differ so much assuming the same siting and routing criteria were employed, as well as environmental effects resulting. Each seems to handle the Robber's Roost ACEC differently in terms of how best to avoid impacts to the BLM resource.

I110a

The alignment preferred by the BLM Little Snake Field and, therefore, the BLM's preferred alignment along the path of the agency-preferred route, is the alignment in the West-wide Energy Corridor, parallel to the Bears Ears to Bonanza 345-kilovolt transmission line, crossing the area designated as the Tuttle Ranch Conservation Easement. The BLM also prefers the alignment be colocated approximately 300 feet from the route alignment for the TransWest Express transmission project. The BLM's intent is to reduce the amount of potential impacts and avoid potential proliferation of transmission lines across the landscape in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I111****Cherilyn T. Searle**

From: **Cherilyn Searle** <chertuck@gmail.com>
 Date: Sun, May 18, 2014 at 8:45 PM
 Subject: Re. Energy Gateway South
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

Attn: Tamara Gertsch

May 18, 2014

I111a

I am writing this to protest against running those huge power lines down Fairview Canyon which is one of the proposed routes. My grandparents as well as my parents were born in Fairview. My husband and I currently live in Fairview. As I grew up, activities involving Fairview Canyon were very much a part of my life. For many years our week-long family reunion was held at what is now called Flat Canyon. It has always been the place we went to for camping, fishing, and enjoying the outdoors. We have a camping site up Fairview Canyon where we take our trailer every year and enjoy many family activities. My son snow kites at mile marker 14 and on the European websites Mile Marker 14 in Fairview Canyon is known as one of the best places to snow kite. Fairview's main claim to fame is it's proximity to Fairview Canyon. For over 70 years Sanpete County has been fighting for the Narrows project which would bring much needed water to our valley and would be another source for great outdoor entertainment as well. Ugly power lines running through the canyon would certainly effect these activities and could be another problem for getting the Narrows project through. In addition, if the Narrows project goes through it will bring much needed business to our little town Please stick with the proposed northern route and do not allow this travesty to be developed in our pristine canyon.

I111a

Comment and route preference noted.

I111b**I111b**

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Cherilyn T. Searle

PO Box 204

Fairview, Utah 84629

Response(s)

Beth Shorma



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Name: Beth Sherman Date: 4-2-14

Title: _____ Organization that you represent: _____ Self ☐

Mailing address: 215 Hwy 70 PO Box 134 City: Basco State: WY Zip: 82221

Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: *(Please use back if additional space is needed)*

I agree with The purple preferred Alternative Route

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1112a	Comment and route preference noted.
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Comment(s)**Response(s)****I113****Justin Slaughter**

From: **Justin Slaughter** <jslaught@emerytelcom.net>
 Date: Wed, May 21, 2014 at 8:17 PM
 Subject: Concerning the proposed Energy Gateway South Transmission Project through Argyle Canyon
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

Hello Tamara,

Please let me introduce myself as a concerned landowner in Argyle Canyon. I am not against, nor do I oppose this transmission line project. I realize that change is inevitable and I support the number of jobs that this project will provide to many individuals.

What I do not support is the BLM suggestion to take this transmission line project through the privately owned property in Argyle Canyon when other preferred routes are available.

Some concerns that I have about running these transmission lines through Argyle Canyon:

- * The ROW needed for these lines would take out a large amount of forested area and possibly cabins.
- * Transmission lines would take away from the beauty of the canyon.
- * Additional service roads would be needed – thus taking more land away from property owners.
- * The constant humming and buzzing of these transmission lines would take away from the piece and quiet of Argyle Canyon. Are there any long term health risks posed from this constant humming and buzzing?
- * If these transmission lines are allowed through Argyle Canyon then this could “open the door” for other utilities and lines to come through the canyon.
- * Privately owned property sees little use in comparison to public property. Privately owned property is more like wilderness – why change and destroy this?
- * Many of the parcels in Argyle Canyon are 10 square acre parcels. A 250’ Right of way through this would take out approximately 4 acres of property.
- * These transmission lines would cause destruction to property and land while having no benefit to the land owners or even to Utah residents.
- * There are Church owned camping areas as well as other large camping areas in the canyon. Kids of all ages attend these camp areas and participate in many forms of outdoor recreation. How safe are such recreational activities in the presence of high power transmission lines?

I113a

Regarding private lands, the impact on property rights will be carefully considered by the Applicant during micro-siting. The Applicant will negotiate with the owners of real property interests to ensure that, if any private property interests are impaired by the final location, they are appropriately compensated. The project will be built in compliance with NESC, the Applicant’s standards, and industry best practices with regards to line clearances to vegetation and other structures.

Visual resources impacts are discussed in Section 3.2.18. Simulations depicting what the transmission line will look like are included in Appendix M.

A detailed access road plan will be developed in the POD for the Project. Disturbance acres and miles reported for the Project include all Project features (e.g., access roads, temporary laydown areas, structure pads, etc.). Construction of access roads will be coordinated with the applicable land-management agency and/or landowner to ensure existing roads are used first; and if new roads need to be constructed, it would be done in accordance with the land-management agency.

Public Health and Safety (including noise) impacts is discussed in Section 3.2.23. The applicant is aware of concerns about possible health risks from EMF; however, the effects of EMF are not conclusive. As identified in design features of the Proposed Action for environmental protection (Table 2-8, Design Feature 11), the Applicant would continue to follow studies performed on electric magnetic field research. The Applicant relies on the findings of public health specialists and international scientific organizations for guidelines regarding electric magnetic fields. EMFs are discussed in greater detail in section 3.2.23 of the EIS.

An assessment of potential cumulative effects is presented in Chapter 4 for each alternative route and route variation considered.

The Agency Preferred Alternative on federal lands will be the alternative route the BLM, in coordination with the cooperating agencies, believes would fulfill its statutory mission and responsibilities, giving consideration to economic, environmental, technical, and other factors. Refer to Section 2.7.1 for more information.

Regarding private lands, the impact on property rights will be carefully considered by the Applicant during micro-siting. The Applicant will negotiate with the owners of real property interests to ensure that, if any private property interests are impaired by the final location, they are appropriately compensated. The project will be built in compliance with NESC, the Applicant’s standards, and industry best practices with regards to line clearances to vegetation and other structures.

(Response continued on next page.)

I113a

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I113

Justin Slaughter (cont.)

Please reconsider this proposed route through beautiful and scenic Argyle Canyon. Please keep it on public lands, doing so would respect and preserve the rights of the many landowners in the Argyle Canyon area.

Sincerely,

Justin Slaughter
2780 South 710 West
Price, UT 84501

I113a
cont.

The Applicant's interests and objectives are discussed in Appendix A.

To establish the resource database for analysis for the EIS, the EIS team gathered, compiled, and analyzed existing data provided by federal, state, and local agencies and other credible public sources of information. If data indicated the presence of a camp, the facility was avoided to the extent practicable and/or located in such a way that activities at the facility are not affected (visually or physically). However, in some cases, data received did not indicate the presence of recreational uses, particularly on private land where specific uses may not be evident in the public data. Such is the case with Camp Timberlane and other camps administered by the CPB.

Regarding Camp Timberlane, when data were compiled, data received for the area indicated privately owned parcels and did not indicate existence of an organized recreational youth camp. Comments on the Draft EIS from the CPB provided information to the EIS team of the recreational use of the area. In response to this new information, representatives of the CPB, Applicant, and BLM met in April 2014 to discuss the CPB properties. Subsequently, the Applicant identified route variations in this area that would avoid Camp Timberlane while considering other existing and planned land uses in the area (e.g., seasonal-use homes) and sensitive environmental resources. These route variations have been analyzed for the Final EIS and are addressed in Appendix F.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I114

Michelle Slaughter

From: **Michelle Slaughter** <mommymichelle02@yahoo.com>
 Date: Wed, May 21, 2014 at 9:17 PM
 Subject: Energy Gateway South Transmission Project
 To: "<GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov>" <GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov>

Hello,

I would like to take just a few minutes of your time and ask for the proposed route for this transmission project through Argyle Canyon be reconsidered. I understand there are pros and cons for all routes, however I understand there is alternative route preferred by the power company that would eliminate the need of impacting numerous private landowners.

This proposed route through Argyle Canyon has the potential of taking away homesteaded properties and destroying nature's beauty that has taken thousands of years to be what it is today; natural and beautiful. These wilderness like characteristics are becoming more and more rare each day thanks to development and industry.

Your reconsideration of this proposed route would be very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Michelle Slaughter
 2780 S. 710 W.
 Price, UT 84501

I114a ☐ Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I115****Aprille Smith**

From: **steve** <smithland8@aol.com>
 Date: Tue, Apr 22, 2014 at 3:13 PM
 Subject: transmission line
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

I115a

To whom it may concern. I think my opinion may be in the minority, but I'd like to express it anyway. I think it is time to find a better way to move electricity to where people want to use it. I don't think we as a nation can continue to be so wasteful of farm land. Not only the poles, but the guyed wires make farming more difficult and land less valuable agriculturally. At least the wires should go through waste land that is of little or no value for farming. I know our country is not concerned with having to produce food as it once was. The idea that we should aim for service industry development and that food can be produced cheaper in other countries seems to prevail, but I feel our independence is what made a strong and it is short sighted to think we should give that up. Thanks for letting me have some input. Aprille Smith, Swanlake , Idaho 83281

I115a

Since publication of the Draft EIS, the Applicant has reused their project description to propose both guyed and self-supporting tangent structure configurations as the predominant type of structures (refer to Section 2.3.1.1). Analysis in the Final EIS has been updated to reflect the change in predominant structure types. To reduce potential impacts on agricultural land, design features of the Proposed Action for environmental protection and selective mitigation measures have been identified for the Project. The design features include 20, 22, 23, 26, and 27. The selective mitigation measures include 1 and 11. Information discussing these design features and selective mitigation measures can be found in Chapter 2 and Section 3.2.11.4.2.

In general, these design features and selective mitigation measures are designed to align the right-of-way on agricultural land insofar as is practicable to reduce the impact on farm operations and agricultural production.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I116

Scot Smith

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I116a

If you had ever been to
Sanpete County, you would
know that the top of the mountain
where you want to put your power
line is as beautiful as the Tetons.

I116a

Due to the aesthetic quality of scenery on the Wasatch Plateau and the intact landscape character, high impacts were assessed on scenery above Fairview. Furthermore, high impacts on views from residences and the scenic byway were assessed. These impacts led to the application of selective mitigation measures to reduce these effects to the extent practicable. Based on high impacts in this area and other resource effects this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

I116b

As an avid hunter, I hate to
think of the impact this high power
line will have on the animals. That

I116b

Comment noted. Impacts to biological resources, including wildlife in this area, are discussed in Section 3.2.7 and 3.2.8.

I116c

Is why I urge you to follow the
BLM alternate route instead.

I116c

Comment and route preference noted.

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Comment(s)

I117

Glen L. and Lurrine Sorenson Family Trust



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Comments:

Glen L. Sorenson and Lurrine Sorenson Family Legacy Trust

Pivot irrigation concerns – new pivot went in recently. Also new wheel lines and pods will be going in soon. Livestock also on the property. Also noise and health concerns and land value concerns. Supports agency preferred alternative route.

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Response(s)

To reduce potential impacts on agricultural irrigation systems and livestock, design features of the Proposed Action for environmental protection and selective mitigation measures have been identified for the Project. The design features include Design Features 20, 22, 23, 26, and 27. The selective mitigation measures include Selective Mitigation Measures 1 and 11. Information discussing these design features and selective mitigation measures can be found in Chapter 2 and Section 3.2.11.4.2.

In general, these design features and selective mitigation measures are designed to align the right-of-way on agricultural land insofar as is practicable to reduce the impact on farm operations and agricultural production.

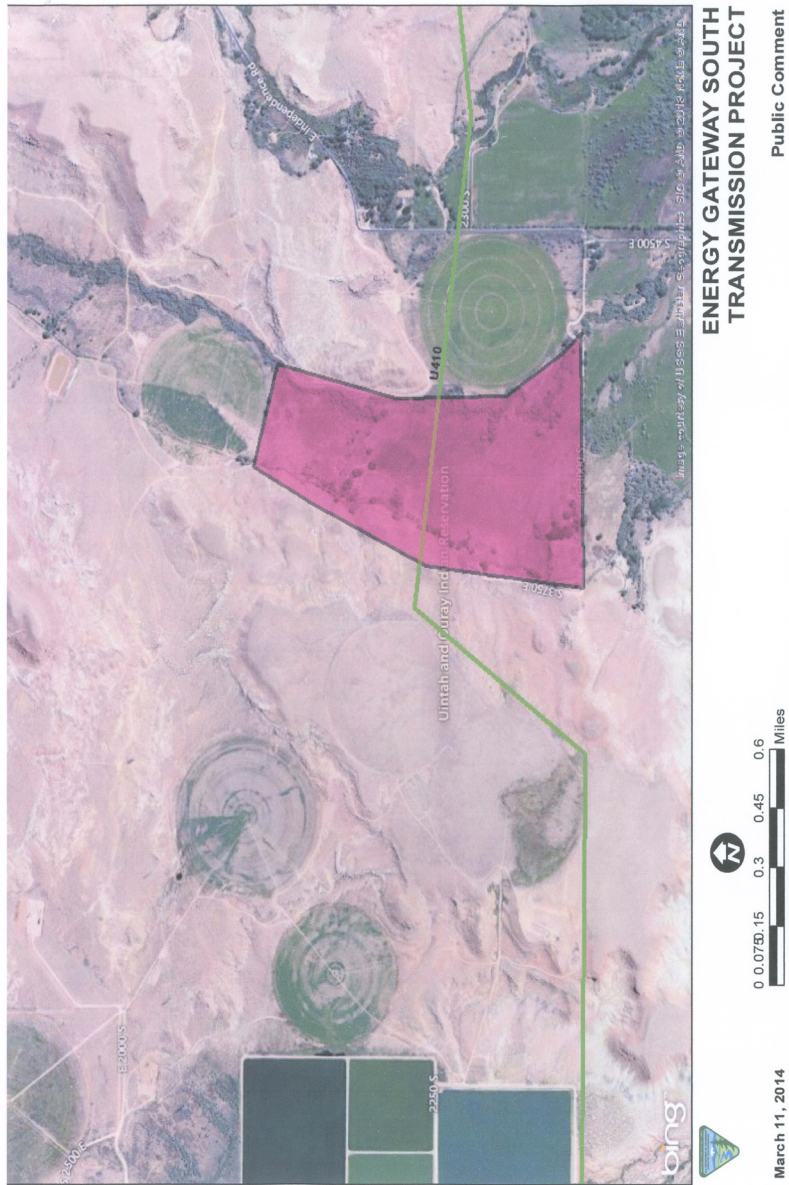
Public health and safety (including noise) is addressed in Section 3.2.23 of the Final EIS. The applicant is aware of concerns about possible health risks from EMF; however, the effects of EMF are not conclusive. As identified in design features of the Proposed Action for environmental protection of the proposed action (Table 2-8, Design Feature 11), the Applicant would continue to follow studies performed on electric magnetic field research. The Applicant relies on the findings of public health specialists and international scientific organizations for guidelines regarding electric magnetic fields. EMFs are discussed in greater detail in section 3.2.23 of the EIS.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I117

Glen L. and Lurrine Sorenson Family Trust (cont.)



Response(s)**Glen L. and Lurrine Sorenson Family Trust (cont.)**

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I118****Nancy Stocker**

From: **Nancy Stocker** <Nancy@prairiewildlife.net>
 Date: Tue, May 20, 2014 at 10:01 PM
 Subject: DEIS Comment
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

Energy Gateway South Project
 Bureau of Land Management
 P.O. Box 21150
 Cheyenne, WY 82003

Re: DEIS Gateway South Transmission Line Project

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Gateway South DEIS. I am a private citizen with no claim to great technical expertise on the issues involved here, although I have been paying attention to such issues for a number of years. Like most citizens of the US, I am a consumer of electricity and would like to have it available when I need it. I also have enjoyed seeing and photographing wildlife in many locations and backpacking in Wilderness Areas for much of my life. In the last few years, I have twice visited northwestern Colorado specifically to watch greater sage grouse dance on two different leks. Our world would be much poorer without the species with whom we share it.

I118a

I believe route WYCO D-1 would be the least environmentally damaging route for both the Gateway South and the Transwest Express power transmission lines. Although most people would agree that power transmission lines are unattractive, having these power lines near roads and other transmission lines seems to have important environmental benefits. The economy of northwest Colorado depends on hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing. For many of us, this region of the state is especially attractive because of the wealth of wildlife resources. Harming these resources will harm the economy of the region. It likely also would violate laws that protect wildlife, like the National Environmental Policy Act and the International Migratory Bird Treaty.

I118b

Remoteness and lack of human impact are important factors in maintaining many native species. Every time humans disturb a previously undisturbed area, invasive species are given an opportunity to do what they do best: invade disturbed areas displacing native species. For this reason, protection of all possible undisturbed or nearly undisturbed areas, such as Wilderness Study Areas, Roadless Areas, and Areas with Wilderness Characteristics, should be avoided by transmission and other projects.

The noise, presence of people, dust, and other factors will cause many species to move from the area chosen for these transmission lines during construction. Of particular concern after construction in open sagebrush areas is that native species there have evolved without tall structures. Bird species that live and nest in open areas, like the rare greater sage grouse and mountain plover, fear nesting and generally being near tall structures. Their primary predators (hawks and eagles) have a great hunting advantage (and the prey birds have a related disadvantage) when the predators perch on such unnatural high places to hunt. Furthermore, the predator birds that use these towers, because they are by far the highest available hunting

I118a

Comment and route preference noted. The BLM and USFS have prepared the EIS in response to the applications for right-of-way across the lands they administer per the requirements of NEPA (refer to Section 1.5). Further, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act also apply, regardless of land jurisdiction or ownership. An analysis of potential effects on wildlife resources is contained in Section 3.2.7.4.3.

I118b

See also response to Comment I118a.

I118	Comment(s)	Response(s)
I118b	platforms, are at risk for electrocution. Although power line design changes have reduced electrocutions over the years, some birds continue to be lost in this way.	
I118c	<p>For the aforementioned reasons, it is essential that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All transmission lines go along previously disturbed areas, such as existing transmission lines and roads or brownfields. • Transmission lines be placed as close to each other and to roads as technically possible, to minimize their impact on native species, both plants and wildlife. • The Transwest Express project should use the same corridor as the Gateway South line. • In addition to planning transmission projects, Colorado is making a State Rail Plan. It is possible that this could route another disturbance through northwestern Colorado. Before the FEIS is written, someone should investigate whether this plan has any relationship to the general area in which the transmission projects are planned. If it does, the railroad tracks should also be included in this corridor of disturbance if possible. • The massiveness of the Gateway South and TransWest Express transmission projects together, possibly with railroad tracks to be added to the rights of way, demands that the total impacts of all projects together be considered in the final EIS's of each of these projects. <p>A particular advantage of using the routes of existing transmission lines and roads is the ease of access for construction and maintenance, as well as fighting large fires, if they should occur near the transmission lines. Such access needs to be a significant consideration in these dry regions.</p>	<p>I118c</p> <p>Comment and route preference noted. In 2013, the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) revised its guidelines regarding separation distance between high-voltage transmission lines to be a minimum of 250 feet. The alternative routes and route variations for the Project were analyzed in the Draft EIS assuming a greater separation distance of 1,500 feet, based on earlier 2008 WECC guidance. Considering the revised WECC guidance, in early 2014, the BLM asked the Applicant to adjust the transmission line alignment along the agency-preferred alternative route to be approximately 250 feet from existing linear facilities and 300 feet from other proposed transmission line alignments, where applicable. The BLM's intent is to reduce the amount of potential impacts and avoid potential proliferation of transmission lines across the landscape in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The alternative routes and route variations for the Project are analyzed in the Final EIS assuming a separation distance of 250 to 300 feet.</p>
I118d	<p>It is possible ranches with conservation easements to protect wildlife will be in the path chosen. If this case, the impacts to these ranches should be minimized, as they are also havens for wildlife. Some may have been chosen to safeguard particular species vulnerable to the threat of high structures described above.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention.</p> <p>Nancy Stocker 2885 S Gilpin St Denver, CO 80210 303-759-4056</p>	<p>I118d</p> <p>Potential impacts on conservation easements identified within the 2-mile-wide alternative route study corridor are documented in Section 3.2.15. The management prescriptions of these conservation easements have been considered in the analysis. Where possible, the alternative routes and route variations have been adjusted to avoid direct impacts on these easements. If the alternative route or route variation would impact an easement, selective mitigation measures (e.g., seasonal limitations on construction) have been identified to reduce impacts on the easement.</p>

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I119****Robert N. Stocker**

2885 S. Gilpin St.
 Denver, Colorado 80210
 May 21, 2014

Tamara Gertsch, National Project Manager
 Energy Gateway South Project
 PO Box 21150
 Cheyenne, WY 82003

Dear Ms. Gertsch:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Energy Gateway South Project.

I have twice visited Moffat County, Colorado, to view and photograph the early spring courtship rituals of greater sage-grouse. I got out of bed hours before dawn; rode in a chilly, cramped SUV to within walking distance from a lek; plodded quietly through mud and snow carrying a heavy camera, telephoto lens and tripod; and spent several hours in a cold blind hoping that birds would come close enough for me to get a good photograph.

During my visits I stayed on local motels and dined in local restaurants. In a modest way, I helped support the local economy in ways that I would not have if it weren't for greater sage-grouse. On my first visit, the light was horrible and the birds were far away. I didn't get a single photograph worth keeping. This year I got some photos of a cavorting male. One of them is displayed below.



Because I hope to return to Moffat County again and get some photos that show more interaction among the birds, I'd like any new transmission lines to be constructed with as little impact on the natural world as possible.

The DEIS reports that preferred alternatives WYCO-B and WYCO-B-2 would impact 51.9 miles of greater sage-grouse habitat within 4 miles of leks located in core areas or priority habitat and 51 greater

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I119****Robert N. Stocker (cont.)**

sage-grouse leks located within 4 miles of centerline. WYCO-D and WYCO-D-1 are reported as impacting 110.3 miles of greater sage-grouse habitat within 4 miles of leks located in core areas or priority habitat and 79 greater sage-grouse leks located within 4 miles of centerline.

The DEIS concludes, “In Colorado, Alternative WYCO-D and Route Variation WYCO-D-1 would cross substantially more preliminary priority sage-grouse habitat and sage-grouse habitats within 4 miles of leks attended by substantially more sage-grouse than all other WYCO alternative routes and route variations. Alternatives WYCO-B, WYCO-C, and WYCO-F and their route variations all cross similar amounts of preliminary priority sage-grouse habitat and sage-grouse lek attendance at leks within 4 miles of these routes and their route variations are also similar in Colorado.” Current condition of impacted habitat should be taken into account. Sage-grouse habitat along the WYCO-D routes has already been disturbed by existing roads and transmission lines. Other routes pass through territory that is still relatively wild. A new transmission line on one of the the WYCO-D routes would do considerably less environmental damage than a new transmission line on one of the other routes.

I119a

The condition of sage-grouse habitats crossed by WYCO-D in this area is addressed in Section 3.2.8.5.4. The route variation in this area is addressed in Appendix F.

I119b

Comment and route preference noted.

I119c

Comment and route preference noted. The Applicant has worked with the FWS, Avian Power Line Interaction Committee, and other agencies to develop an Avian Protection Plan for their facilities and distribution and transmission lines in their service territory. The Avian Protection Plan and Avian Power Line Interaction Committee guidelines for protection and collisions are referenced at a high-level in the EIS. Project-specific standards, methods, and measures (including avian-specific mitigation) will be described in the POD to be developed in coordination with cooperating agencies.

I119a**I119b**

In addition to disrupting more sage-grouse habitat, routes other than WYCO-D and WYCO-D-1 would diminish the wild character of backcountry and disturb wildlife habitat in relatively remote areas. The WYCO-D routes, which follow existing roadways instead of going cross-country, would have less impact on land with wilderness characteristics – a major factor in their favor.

Additional length of the WYCO-D routes may add expense to both construction and operation. To some extent this expense would be balanced by the advantages of being able to access the transmission line from existing roadways.

The WYCO-D-1 alternative is preferable to the WYCO-D route because it runs closer to an existing transmission line and would, therefore, be less damaging to the environment.

Finally, whatever route is selected, I hope every effort is made to minimize detrimental effects to wildlife and the natural environment:

- Gateway South and TransWest Express transmission lines should be collocated.
- The combined impact of the Gateway South and TransWest Express projects should be considered before either project is approved.
- Raptors on high perches have unnatural advantages over prey like sage-grouse accustomed to living in an open habitat with only low-lying vegetation. Transmission towers should be modified to discourage raptors from perching on them.
- Provisions should be made to prevent birds of all kinds from being killed by electrocution or collisions with guy wires or other elements associated with transmission lines.
- Construction should be scheduled to minimize interference with nesting birds.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely yours,




Robert N. Stocker

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I120

David N. Sundwall



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Name: David N. Sundwall Date: June, 10 2014
Title: Physician Organization that you represent: Self Self ☐
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Telephone (optional): 801-444-4360

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

I am writing to support routing power from new
transmission project (Gateway South) through the
Thistle → Salt Creek Canyon, and NOT through
Fairview Canyon.
I believe the health and environmental impact will be
considerably less severe, if the original route is selected.
I would be pleased to discuss this further, if it would be
helpful
David N. Sundwall MD

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I120a

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

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I121

Ramon and Harriett Swapp

Ramon and Harriett Swapp
376 N. 400 E.
Fairview, UT 84629

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April 23, 2014

DIRECTOR, BLM;
P. O. Box 21150
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We have been invited to comment on the new power lines you will be authorizing in our area. This is only a suggestion, because I am 80 and my lovely wife is 76, so it won't affect us.

We have lived in Fairview and used Fairview Canyon for several score of years, and it is a mess. We stand corrected. It is a hell of a mess. Our advice would be to stay away from it, and the whole Wasatch Plateau, because it is so extremely unstable when wet. They can't even maintain a simple two lane road up the canyon; every year there are rocks and mud slides and rocks on it. Parts of it are always sliding off into the canyon, and many times the miners can't get to work until they get equipment to open the road for them. If the line went down the canyon, you would have to have a maintenance road, and that wouldn't work, because the state can't even make a proper road up the canyon. Even a helicopter wouldn't work, because the canyon is too steep and there is no place to land

I121a

I121b

If we could offer a suggestion, it would to stay on the east side of the mountain, and go south on the desert. It may cost more for construction, but we will more readily accept higher power bills, because have to have it. In addition, the cost of trying to maintain a line down the canyon will keep going up, because it will be such a mess. Also, there will always be a backlash from people that have the lines running over their property.

Sincerely,


Ramon and Harriett Swapp

I121a

It is possible construction of the Project could increase susceptibility to geological hazards in some areas (e.g., in areas with slumps and flows). Thus, avoidance of geologic hazards and engineering constraints criteria were applied in the Applicant's identification of feasible corridors for the siting and construction of transmission lines as part of the design features of the Proposed Action. Potential impacts on the Project resulting from geological hazards are discussed in detail in Section 3.2.2.5.

Selective Mitigation Measure 5 (minimize new or improved accessibility, Chapter 2, Table 2-13) is applied in areas that have been identified as sensitive to unintended use (ATV), which would be carried forward into the POD. The Applicant is committed to work with agencies and landowners, through development of the POD and during implementation and operation of the transmission line. Coordination to limit potential for unauthorized use would occur throughout the life of the Project.

Additionally, design features of the Proposed Action for environmental protection and selective mitigation measures are designed and applied to reduce potential impacts from the Project on recreation resources, grazing uses, and visual resources. Refer to Chapter 2 for a comprehensive list of the design features that will be used for the entire Project and the selective mitigation measures that will be used in specific areas along the Project.

I121b

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I122

Sandra Swasey



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Name: Sandra Swasey Date: 3-19-14
 Title: _____ Organization that you represent: _____ Self ☐
 Mailing address: Po Box 55 City: Fairview State: Ut Zip: 84629
 Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

Our property lies 2.7 miles north of the proposed Applicant Preferred Alternative route. We would like to ask the applicant to choose another route - either the Agency preferred route or alternative route - both of these routes are already used for powerlines. The area is a pristine valley and after it is said, that this is beautiful in Teton County. There are several homes in the route area and these power lines are not safe for people or animals. We would strongly like to oppose this route - In our opinion there are better routes and ~~the~~ already established - please consider our quality of life in this area - Thank you!

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I122a ☐ Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I123

Vernon and Sandra Swasey

From: **Sandra Swasey** <ssswasey@gmail.com>
 Date: Tue, Apr 22, 2014 at 2:57 PM
 Subject: Transmission Project
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

Attn: Tamara Gertsch
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 PO Box 21150
 Cheyenne WY 82003

I have emailed you before regarding the **Energy Gateway South Transmission Project** in the Fairview UT area. We have been opposed to the Applicant Preferred route for the past several years. Finally, at the March meeting held in Mt. Pleasant Ut, we were able to determine the 2-mile easement route request in relation to our home. As you are aware, the preferred route requested by RMP comes from Helper, crosses through Gooseberry, the Narrows Tunnel and straight down the top of the mountain on the north side of Highway 31 (Fairview Canyon), over both National Forest and private properties. It then cuts through Oakcreek north of Fairview, crosses The Wild Life Management Area and Highway 89, then continues west to hook up with the power grid. In addition, the **Transwest Express Transmission Line Project** intends to team up with RMP by sharing this route. I have also heard since that there is a third project the **Zephyr Power Transmission Project** also interested in this corridor.

This route area through Fairview Canyon (Highway 31) is designated a *National Scenic Byway*. Highway 89 has been designated a *Pioneer Heritage* area. In addition, the environmental, economic, including tourism, in this area will be impacted, plus, what about health issues and land value of the local population.

We recognize the need for increased electrical power but feel there are better alternatives that will not impact this area of northern Sanpete county.

Therefore, we wish to support the Agency Preferred Alternative approved by the BLM. This route along Highway 6 from Helper to Thistle and over the mountain to Nephi can mitigate the impact on our area.

Thank you for accepting this letter of support for the BLM Preferred Route--
 Vernon and Sandra Swasey
 PO Box 55
 Fairview UT 84629

cc: Juan Palma, Director
 BLM Utah State Office
 440 West 200 South, Suite 500
 Salt Lake City UT 84101

I123a

Comment and route preference noted. Due to the sensitivity of views from this and other scenic byways, all of these roads were included in the assessment of high concern viewers. In regard to the views from the Energy Loop Scenic Byway in Fairview Canyon, which are largely intact with few visible modifications, the Project would result in a high level of visual impacts. Based on these impacts, and other resource effects, this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

As described in the Impacts to Property Values section of Section 3.2.22, property values can be affected by transmission lines, depending on the proximity of the transmission line to structures, the surrounding topography, and the existence of landscaping and other vegetation. There are 10 residences north of Fairview, Utah, located within 0.25 mile of Alternatives COUT-H and COUT BAX-E, which are likely to be affected by the proximity of the transmission line.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I124

Randall S. Thornbald



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Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

I WOULD PREFER THE POWER LINE RUN ON PUBLIC LAND, SEEING AS IT IS FOR PUBLIC USE.
WHY NOT RUN IT ALONG I-70?
IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME TO RUN A POWER LINE THROUGH HEAVILY WOODED AREA'S WHEN THERE IS LOTS OF ~~LAND~~ LAND WITH VERY FEW TREES. 'WHITMORE AREA'

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I124a ☐ Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I125****Randy Thornbald**

From: **Randy Thornblad** <rsthome@msn.com>
 Date: Sun, May 18, 2014 at 7:10 PM
 Subject: Gateway South Transmission Line Project
 To: blm_ut_so_public_room@blm.gov

Just wanted to make a comment about the blm position on the Gateway South Transmission Line Project. I find it interesting that the government does an environmental study on the blm land where Rocky Mountain Power wants to run power lines and determines there are endangered birds there so no power line can be put on this land. Now this is power for public use but the lines can't be put on public land.
 So the Power company and the government have decided to run the lines over private property thereby destroying many acres of land owned by private individuals like myself.

It seems wrong to me that private property owners are forced to sacrifice their land for the public good, yet public land goes untouched.

I believe public land should be used for the public good and private lands should be a last resort.

Regards

Randy Thornblad
rsthome@msn.com

I125a

Comment and route preference noted. The first two criteria considered by the Applicant when identifying preliminary alternative routes during their initial feasibility studies conducted by the Applicant included (1) presence of designated or proposed utility corridors and (2) presence of other existing linear facilities. During their review of the alternative routes, the BLM and USFS have endeavored to maintain the use of federally designated utility corridors and the use of federal lands to the extent possible (i.e., where suitable when reviewing for environmental, geographic, or engineering/electric system reliability concerns). However, federal land is not contiguous. Ultimately, the BLM and USFS selection of the preferred alternative must be based on resource sensitivities and resource issues.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I126

David J. Uherka



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Name: David J. Uherka Date: Apr. 25, 2014
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 Telephone (optional): 435-867-4644

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

After studying the routes for the transmission line projects that are being considered, running west from Helper, Utah, it is my opinion that the route proposed by BLM, along Hwy 6 to the Nephi area, would be much preferable to the route proposed by Rocky Mt. Power, which does more damage to private lands, wild life areas and forest lands.

I strongly urge approval of the BLM-proposed route along ~~the~~ Hwy 6.

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I126a ☐ Comment and route preference noted.

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I127

Dorothy Uherka



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Name: Dorothy Uherka Date: April 18, 2014
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Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

I am writing in support of the BLM proposed route for the Energy Gateway South Transmission Project and the Trans West Express Transmission Line Project. The BLM proposed route would go down the north side of Hwy 6 from Helper, turn south at Thistle and cross over to Nephi where easements already exist.

I am a resident of Cedar City, Utah, but have visited friends in the beautiful "National Scenic Byway" area being threatened by the construction of these power lines. Not only would the power lines destroy the natural beauty of this pastoral area but they would endanger the health of the people and animals living there and lower property values.

I encourage the BLM to stand strong in support of its route and continue to consider the costs to these people and animals that will be adversely affected not just the cost to the power companies.

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Sincerely,

Dorothy M. Uherka

I127a ☐ Comment and route preference noted.

Due to the sensitivity of views from this and other scenic byways, all of these roads were included in the assessment of high concern viewers along with all residences. In regard to the views from the Energy Loop Scenic Byway both in Fairview Canyon and atop the Wasatch Plateau, which are largely intact with few visible modifications, the Project would result in a high level of visual impacts. Based upon these impacts, and other resource effects, this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

I127b As described in the Impacts to Property Values section of Section 3.2.22, property values can certainly be affected by transmission lines, depending on the proximity of the transmission line to structures, the surrounding topography, and the existence of landscaping and other vegetation. There are 10 residences north of Fairview, Utah, located within 0.25 mile of the alternatives routes and route variations likely to be affected by the proximity of the transmission line. These alternative routes and route variations were not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

I127c ☐ Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

I128

Pamela Underwood

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Date: Thu, Mar 20, 2014 at 9:16 AM

Subject: Energy Gateway South Transmission Line Project

To: "GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov" <gatewaysouth_wymail@blm.gov>

To Whom it may concern,

I know this is just a waste of my time as you are the BLM and do as you please with no regard to what "we the people want". Another fine example of our Federal Government.

I would really like a up front answer to why you are NOT going with Pacific Corp preferred route and instead want to go through our property in Argyle canyon? You will shut down roads and close gates to keep people out so the wildlife can migrate yet you have no problem cutting down trees, disturbing wildlife and destroying property when it comes to private land. Please explain that to me.

This property has been in my family for over 30 years, my Dad built that cabin by hand so future generations could enjoy it. Why do you want to take away the one thing that keeps my Father's memory alive? Let me take away something you cherish that belonged to your deceased loved one and see how you feel.

Thank you for your time, you can now send this to the trash folder as we all know its where it will end up anyway.

Pamela Underwood

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Response(s)

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Don Williams



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If you wish to submit comments, please feel free to use this form or other correspondence and hand it in at an open house or mail it to the following address.

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Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

I am a landowner in upper argyle Estates and I am very concerned about the 500 KV transmission line. I have thought about it quite a bit. If this transmission line were to pass through upper argyle Estates or lower argyle Estates, this could possibly cause trouble to the land owners in these two areas. It seems like this would be an added expense to the project if the company had to buy land in these two areas from the landowners. It seems like there would be less impact to everyone concerned if the transmission line were to pass through BLM land or through National Forest land. I feel if the transmission line were to pass through upper or lower argyle Estates that the land owners may not be treated fairly on the purchase of their land.

☒ Please add me to the mailing list for preparation of this environmental impact statement

Please Note:

Comments are due by May 22, 2014

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment -- including your personal identifying information -- may be made publicly available at any time. While you may request in your comment that your personal identifying information be withheld from public review, BLM cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

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Comment(s)**Response(s)****I130****Travis Winder**

On Thu, Aug 22, 2013 at 12:55 PM, Travis Winder <travisnganeil@aol.com> wrote:

I130a

As a landowner on the ridge I am apposed to this in many ways but one of the main reasons is that there is only a limited amount of flat / useable property on these lots. I have 100 acres total but only 10% - 15% of it is actual flat ground that you can camp with RV's and use for recreation and this is all on top next to the road where you are wanting to bring the power through. If we lose 500 feet of our property to an easement / right of way for (2) power lines the ground will be useless to us, we would be off the edge of the property and it is steep enough that you could not pull a trailer off the hill or worse get it back out. I have attached a satellite view that shows the power line running right over my 5th wheel and directly through the center of our fire pit and camp. I am just trying to convey the impact of this from a landowners point of view, we have invested a lot of time and money into our retirement property and would hate to see this happen to it. If the line is moved to the South in the Emma Park area this area is already industrialized with the oil wells, gravel pits etc. people are not down there camping and using this area for recreational activities like we do on the top so I think it would be a lot less impact for them. Please take this into account while you are making the decisions on where to run the lines. If you would like I am more than willing to meet you up there at any time, take you on to my property and show you this personally. I can also show you some of the other areas that I believe would be affected from this route.

Thank you for your time,

Travis Winder
Pleasant Grove, Utah

I130a

Comment and route preference noted. Based on comments received during public review of the Draft EIS, the Applicant identified alternative route refinements and variations in this area that would avoid or reduce potential impacts on existing and planned land uses in the area (e.g., seasonal-use homes) and sensitive environmental resources. These route variations have been analyzed in the Final EIS and are addressed in Appendix F.

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Travis Winder (cont.)



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Travis Winder (cont.)

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Lois Dennis Woffinden, Trustee

To Whom It May Concern:

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My grandfather homesteaded the Dennis property in the 1920's. I am very grateful for his hard work and determination to leave this land to his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. My family enjoys spending time at the Dennis Homestead because we are away from all of the interferences of city life. The secluded area by our pond is right where the Power Line is proposed to go.

We allow Boy Scout Troops to use this area for Summer Camps, and we would like to keep it a wilderness area. Having Power Lines through it would take away the primitive experience that everyone enjoys there.

I131b

I am sensitive to Electrical Magnetic Forces, so I am very concerned about how these Power Lines might affect my health.

I131c

My brother, Mike Dennis and I have looked over the proposed route options and we would like to offer a few suggestions. Pacific Corp. has proposed a route that turns south of the BLM proposed route. We are suggesting an alternate route that uses part of the Pacific Corps. preferred route from a point in Township T 11 S. 13 E. between U407 and U408 along a portion of the Pacific Corp. route to T 12 S. 12 E. Section 01, along this route to a point in Section 01 T 12 S. 11 E. at U525. From there through Sections 36, 35 and 34 in T 11 S. 10 E. and to a point between U514 & U520 in Section 27 T 11 S. 10 E. to the BLM preferred route.

It goes through Witmoor Park where there is already Natural Gas disturbance. The line could then be headed back up the BLM preferred route near Hwy 191, about U514 in Section 27 T 11 S. 10 E. This route would not impact the Dennis property as well as the small 10-40 acre properties in the AWP. It would not impact any springs, wells, cabins or other infrastructures now under protest.

The Pacific Corp. route, to where it ties back to the BLM route, has had an EIS done as well as Archeological and Historical studies. The power line would have a smaller footprint than the gas and oil operations already there. The Sage Grouse would not be affected from this line as much as from the gas field. The route we are suggesting would eliminate a lot of litigation from property owners in the Argyle Canyon South. It would follow terrain that has less trees and vegetation and is open for maintenance and the monitoring of the power line. There are not as many private property owners that would be ... affected. These lines can be designed so that hawks and eagles and other raptors could not use the power line to search for prey.

Thank you for considering these suggestions.

Lois Dennis Woffinden, Trustee

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Comment and route preference noted.

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The Applicant is aware of concerns regarding possible health risks from EMF; however, no adverse health effects of EMF are conclusively or consistently identified by scientists. As identified in design features of the Proposed Action (Table 2-8, Design Feature 11), the Applicant would continue to follow studies performed on EMF research. The Applicant relies on the findings and conclusions of public health specialists and international scientific organizations, such as the WHO and the ICNIRP, for guidance and guidelines regarding EMF. EMF is discussed in greater detail in Section 3.2.23.

There are also concerns about potential sensitivity to EMF, a condition frequently called EHS. According to the WHO's Fact Sheet on EHS, a number of research studies "indicate that EHS individuals cannot detect EMF" and in scientific studies EHS individuals' "symptoms were not correlated with EMF exposure." While the Fact Sheet recognizes that the symptoms of EHS individuals may be real, they are likely unrelated to EMF.

I131c

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Comment(s)**Response(s)****I132****Max G. Worthington**

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From: **Max Worthington** <max@wa7x.com>

Date: Wed, Mar 19, 2014 at 3:15 PM

Subject: Energy Gateway South Transmission Project

To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

As a citizen who has recreational property near two of the alternate proposed routes of the Energy Gateway South Transmission Project, that I would likely see the lines from. I am impressed with the concerns and study efforts you have put into this vital need. I am not in the energy industry nor do I have any vested interest in any power companies. I just understand how vital power is to our existence and know that you probably receive many opposing this project due to reasons of just not wanting it.

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I hope the project is not delayed from the many years spent getting to this point and hope that while not everyone will be satisfied, it is in the public's best interests. The existing lines have quite a positive track record for safety and once installed tend to blend in with the real world. I find it frustrating that many of the opposing tend to vilify and focus on elements like bury the line, etc. that just are not practical or economical along with the high likelihood of failures.

Please take my comments as support for your efforts to provide for our mutual future.

Thanks!

M.G. Worthington
Salt Lake City, UT

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Comment noted.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I133****Robert and Sandy Wright**

On Wed, Apr 9, 2014 at 9:14 AM, Robert Wright <Robert.Wright@snow.edu> wrote:

The information below and the attached has the public comments made by Sandy and Robert Wright relating to the Energy Gateway South Transmission Project. The attached is a copy of the signed document. I will mail the hard copy if it is needed so please let me know. If I do not hear back from someone in a few days, I will mail it to the address listed below. Thanks for allowing our concerns and comments to be heard.

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Name: Robert & Sandy Wright

Date: April 10, 2014

Title:

Organization that you represent: Private land owner / Self

Mailing Address: P O Box 497 City: Fairview

State: Utah Zip: 84629

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<div data-bbox="113 212 170 237">I133</div> <div data-bbox="411 212 819 240">Robert and Sandy Wright (cont.)</div> <p data-bbox="216 318 512 339">Telephone Number: 435-427-9492</p> <p data-bbox="216 367 310 388">Comments:</p> <p data-bbox="216 412 1008 505">We live just south of the Rocky Mountain Power Preferred route, which is about 3 tens of a mile from this Rocky Mountain Power preferred route and about 1 ½ miles North of the Fairview Canyon Road and crosses Milburn Road. We have some concerns that we would like to address to the decision makers of this Power line route.</p> <div data-bbox="113 626 170 651">I133a</div> <div data-bbox="216 529 1008 602"> <p>* First a question, why is Rocky Mountain Power proposing this alternative route instead supporting the BLM/U S Forest Services Preferred Route? We have not been able to understand this decision unless it is tied to money or potential cost?</p> </div> <div data-bbox="216 626 1008 740"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The BLM/US Forest Service preferred route which runs near US 6 to Thistle and then to Salt Creek Canyon has less impact on property owners and residents. We believe that the BLM/Forest Service has taken into consideration all factors relating to their (BLM) preferred route which we believe has a much less impact to the National Forest lands, private property and the environment. </div> <div data-bbox="216 813 1008 927"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The route preferred by the applicant Rocky Mountain Power which runs west from Carbon Count into Sanpete County on to Juab County creates some concerns from our perspective. It brings a power line through the north Skyline mountain area also known as the Wasatch Plateau into the mountain valleys in Sanpete County and then onto Salt Creek Canyon. 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Robert and Sandy Wright (cont.)

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Robert Wright

Sandy Wright

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Due to the proximity of residences to the proposed alternative routes across Sanpete Valley adjacent to Fairview and Mount Pleasant, high impacts on these viewsheds were described in the EIS. Selective mitigation measures to reduce these effects were applied to the extent practicable. Based on these high impacts and other resource effects these alternative routes were not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I134****Stan and JoDean Wright**

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Date: May 10, 2014

Title: Organization that you represent: Private land owner / Self

Mailing Address: P O Box 484 City: Fairview State: Utah Zip: 84629

Telephone Number: 801-571-9297

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Stan and JoDean Wright (cont.)

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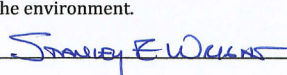
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